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Khaddam in Iraq to continue committee talks

BAGHDAD, Jan. 1 (R)— Syria's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khaddam arrived here Monday to lead his country's team on the joint political, information and cultural committee formed under the Iraqi-Syrian National Charter.

It will be the third such meeting held by the committee and designed to pave the way for closer relations between the two countries which until the charter was sealed in October had been divided over ideological and political issues.

The Iraq News Agency (INA) said committee deliberations would concentrate on drawing up the agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the higher political body formed of Iraqi President Ahmad Hassan Bakr and Syrian head of state Hafez Assad.

Libya to aid Jordan, Syria, PLO

AMMAN, Jan. 1 (R) — The Libyan ambassador to Jordan Monday was quoted as saying that his country had decided to give financial support to Jordan, Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) for their confrontation with Israel.

The Amman daily newspaper "Al-Destour" also reported that the envoy, Saleh Sannusi, had said in an interview that the decision was taken at the general people's conference in Libya recently.

But, the paper added, the envoy did not say how much money would be provided.

The ambassador returned to Amman from his country Sunday, "Al-Destour" added.

CHINA TOAST: Chinese Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping, and U.S. Ambassador Leonard Woodcock toast U.S.-China relations Monday at a party at the U.S. liaison office in Peking.—(Wirephoto)

Peking reception marks formal establishment of ties with U.S.

PEKING, Jan. 1 (Agencies) — The United States and China formally established diplomatic relations Monday, ending what President Carter called an "era of enmity" and opening a new chapter in international politics.

Each side promptly wished the other a happy New Year and Peking offered a reconciliation with Taiwan, with whom the United States automatically broke ties when it linked up with Peking at 12:00 a.m. Monday (See story on page five.)

China's Senior Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping and the chief U.S. representative in Peking toasted the establishment of diplomatic ties between their countries, hailing it as the start of a new era in Sino-American relations.

The toast was made during a reception given by Leonard Woodcock, head of the U.S. Liaison Office in the Chinese capital, on the first day of normal links.

Woodcock, who conducted delicate negotiations leading to the mutual diplomatic recognition, said the Sino-American ties "would contribute to the well-being of all mankind."

Teng, who will visit the U.S. late this month, said normalization was a major international event.

The vice-premier led a group of six government ministers at the reception, most of whom — including Teng — brought their wives.

Woodcock talked with Teng separately for 40 minutes. The vice-premier chain-smoked as they sat side-by-side.

The only serious point the U.S. official said he raised was the extreme need for added accommodation at the liaison office, which will become an embassy on March 1.

Woodcock also introduced a U.S. congressional delegation to the Chinese ministers. Delegation leader Thomas Ashley said he had been asked by President Carter to convey warmest expressions of friendship on what the congressman called "this great step forward."

He added that the United States was determined that its friendship with China will go forward unimpeded.

Woodcock told Teng in his toast:

"The breakdown in communication between our two countries interrupted a long tradition of friendship and mutually beneficial cooperation between the Chinese and American peoples and adversely affected the cause of world peace....

"We are now able to concentrate our energies on building the more permanent and effective institutions that full diplomatic relations make possible," he added.

Teng quoted President Carter as having said the U.S. had not undertaken normalization for transient, tactical or expedient reasons.

"I appreciate this far-sighted view," the vice premier said. "The Chinese government has all along regarded Sino-American relations in a long-term political and strategic perspective."

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Soviet Union accuses U.S. of gunboat diplomacy in Iran

MOSCOW, Jan. 1 (Agencies) — The Kremlin Monday accused the United States of resorting to "gunboat diplomacy" over the crisis in Iran and said its actions were "provocative" towards the Soviet Union.

The allegations were made by the Communist Party newspaper "Pravda" in a commentary on reports that the U.S. was planning to send a naval task force into the Gulf.

On Saturday an American aircraft carrier task force set sail from the Philippines but the U.S. State Department denied it was heading for the Gulf.

"The creators of the latest 'gunboat diplomacy' are looking for a way of justifying their militarist interference in the internal affairs of Iran," Pravda said, adding:

"...In doing so they resort to openly provocative means spearheaded against the Soviet Union."

President Leonid Brezhnev warned the U.S. and other Western powers in November not to intervene in Iran. Since then the Soviet media frequently have accused the U.S. of sending advisers to Tehran to help the Shah.

As the Soviets warned the U.S., mobs attacked a military garrison, set fire to tanks and stabbed a major to death in front of his wife during two days of bloody fighting in Mashhad, the Iranian state television said Monday.

The broadcast put the death toll at "no more than 170," while religious opponents of the Shah said between 700 and 2,000 had died.

Word of the violence in the city of some 800,000 came as the Shah sought to dispel reports that he might be leaving the country as soon as Shahpour Bakhtiar announces his new civilian government, probably Wednesday or Thursday.

Shah Meets Press

The 50-year-old Shah met briefly with foreign reporters on the grounds of Niavaran Palace along with Empress Farah, who had been rumored to have left the country.

During the meeting the Shah chatted briefly with reporters and did not appear eager to make statements. Asked whether he might like a vacation abroad once Iran's political scene cooled, the Shah replied, "I would love to if the situation permits."

Ardeshir Zahedi, Iran's ambassador to Washington and a confident of the monarch, denied reports that the Shah would soon leave to bolster Bakhtiar's chances of restoring order here.

Foreigners Stranded

Meanwhile hundreds of foreigners, advised by their embassies to leave Iran, were stranded at Tehran's international airport Monday as air traffic controllers went on strike to protest against the Shah.

There was chaos as passengers, many of them families including small children, were told all flights were cancelled.

The atmosphere was tense as hundreds of soldiers, armed with bayonets, machine guns and grenade launchers, patrolled the area.

A tank stood at the main airport entrance and 40 empty army trucks were parked side by side on the main driveway.

Police soon stopped people from entering the international terminal, even those with valid tickets, making those already inside reluctant to go back into

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PLO renews offer for U.S. dialogue

KUWAIT, Jan. 1 (Agencies) — A top Palestinian leader reaffirmed Monday the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) is ready to start a dialogue with the United States, provided this is done at the highest possible level.

"I am ready to go to the United States if an invitation is addressed to us from the U.S. government and provided the dialogue is conducted with President Jimmy Carter, his Foreign Minister Cyrus Vance Mr. (Carter's National Security Adviser) Zbigniew, Brzezinski," Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's political department and unofficial foreign minister said.

Kaddoumi reiterated the PLO's rejection of the Camp David agreements, saying "a Middle East settlement will never be accomplished on the basis of these accords."

The PLO position is that a settlement should be based on recognition of the rights of Palestinians to return to their homes and to establish a state of their own in occupied areas abandoned by Israel.

Kaddoumi was speaking to newsmen just before his departure for Baghdad for talks with the Iraqi government. He spent the weekend in Kuwait for consultations with its ruler, Sheikh Jaber Al-Sabah.

In Beirut, meanwhile, a leading Arab-American lobbyist said he believes that there is increased momentum in the U.S. Congress toward recognizing the PLO and predicted erosion of support for Israel, according to an interview published Monday.

Hisham Sharabi, a Georgetown University professor and head of the National Association of Arab Americans, told the English-language weekly "Monday Morning" that the recent meeting of U.S. Representative Paul Findley with PLO leader Yasser Arafat represented a "breakthrough."

"Once the brainwashing is done away with...Israeli leaders and Jewish-American leaders will eventually lose the full sympathy of the American people and Congress," Sharabi said.

"I've heard that there is a growing feeling among Con-

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Definite timetable

Egypt again insists on linkage

CAIRO, Jan. 1 (Agencies) — Acting Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali said Monday Egypt would never sign a peace treaty with Israel that did not include a complementary agreement setting a definite timetable for Palestinian self-rule.

In an interview with Sudanese radio Dr. Ghali also said Palestinian self-rule on the Gaza Strip and the West Bank of Jordan would be the first step towards the creation of an independent state.

Egypt and Israel failed last month to initial a peace treaty following Israel's refusal to link withdrawal from Sinai to Palestinian self-rule and Egyptian insistence that the peace treaty should not override its Arab commitments.

"We hope once Israel agrees to the linkage principle, the Palestinian side would take part in elections (in Gaza and the West Bank) that would lead to self-rule, the first step to the creation of a Palestinian entity, then a state," Ghali said.

President Anwar Sadat last Saturday said Egypt would not sign the treaty without the linkage, but was confident it was only a matter of time before Israel agreed to sign.

Ghali said the complementary agreement should allow for the start of negotiations with Israel one month after the peace agreement was signed, and elections for self-rule to start before the end of 1979.

He said this would be followed by termination of Israeli military rule in both Gaza and the West Bank and the withdrawal of Israeli troops to new positions on the border of the two regions.

"What is needed is a just and a comprehensive settlement and not a separate peace deal," Ghali said.

Pressure in Israel

Meanwhile, new pressure to add to Jewish settlements in occupied Arab territory mounted Monday as Israel waited for a decision from Egypt to reopen talks on the disputed issues blocking a peace treaty.

Members of the ultra nationalistic Gush Emunim set up camp on a hill near an existing settlement 10 miles northwest of Jerusalem to protest the Israeli government's failure to expand and develop Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

And 30 miles north of Jerusalem, Gush Emunim followers were locked in a stalemate for the second day with army troops who blocked them from traveling to a hilltop near the Arab town of Nablus where they want to start a new settlement.

The cabinet on Sunday took no action to increase the existing 48 settlements in the West Bank, and it softened Israel's stand on disputes in the talks with Egypt.

"We have done our share," said one government official. "Now we are waiting for Egypt's response. Only then will it be decided when, where and at what level the talks will resume."

Prime Minister Menahem

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Israeli boats attack South Lebanon coast

BEIRUT, Jan. 1 (Agencies) — Israeli navy boats Sunday attacked a coastal area of southern Lebanon before being driven off by Palestinian forces, the Palestinians said Sunday night.

A spokesman said the Israeli boats attacked Ras Al-Ain near the Rashidiyeh refugee camp in the Tyre area with rockets and heavy machine-guns.

A house was destroyed and another badly damaged by the Israeli fire, he said, but there were no casualties.

The spokesman added that the Israelis made two attacks and were driven off when Palestinian and leftist forces returned the fire. They also foiled an Israeli landing attempt in the area, forcing the Israelis to withdraw, he said.

In Tel Aviv, the Israeli army claimed it had no information on the report of the naval attack.

A spokesman said: "We are investigating the report but have no information about any attack."

Fisheries development firm to be established

RIYADH, Jan. 1 (SPA)— The Council of Ministers Monday approved the establishment of a fisheries development company.

The decision was taken at a meeting under the chairmanship of Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard.

Following the meeting, Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said the council had studied a report submitted by Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, minister of agriculture and water and endorsed his recommendations to develop this national resources.

Company shares will be held by the government and the private sector. Dr. Al-Sheikh has been asked to form a board of directors comprising the minister of agriculture and water, as chairman four representatives of the companies and the founders as chosen by the minister of agriculture and water and a representative of the ministry of commerce.

Dr. Yamani said that the council also studied a report submitted by Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi minister of industry and electricity on the country's power requirements during the next 25 years and plans to meet the ever-increasing demand. A final report on this matter will be submitted in the next four months.

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Tanker crew feared lost as pollution threat grows

LA CORUNA, Spain, Jan. 1 (R)—Virtually the entire crew of a Greek supertanker was feared drowned Monday as the stricken ship threatened Spain's northwest coast with a pollution disaster.

The bosun of the tanker Andros Patria said 29 persons, including the captain, his wife and two-year-old son, were hurled into the sea when their lifeboats capsized during the night.

They had been forced to abandon ship during a gale by an explosion and fire late on New Year's Eve.

The bosun, Evangelos Milas, stayed aboard with two other Greek seamen as the supertanker drifted towards the jagged Galician coastline, an area of rich fishing grounds.

He and a pumpman were rescued by helicopter early Monday but the third man, the chief engineer, was still waiting to be picked up after the aircraft developed mechanical trouble.

Milas told officials the tanker, on its way to Rotterdam with 208,000 tons of Iranian crude for British Petroleum (BP), was carrying 32 persons when disaster struck.

Rescue vessels rushed to

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1. FOODSTUFFS	
Flour/Wheat	917
Maize	—
Rice	10185
Sugar	66
Tea	—
Various Foodstuffs	7442
Fruit	1300
Poultry	—
Meat	2282
Chicken	694
Eggs	—
Sub-Total for Foodstuffs:	22886
2. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	
Cement	50274
Steel	25020
Timber	5784
General Building Materials	16719
Sub-Total for Construction Materials:	97797
3. VEHICLES	
Vehicles in Number	2488
Vehicles in Tons	43642
4. LIVESTOCK	
Number of Head 10559	4164
5. OTHER GENERAL CARGO	

TOTAL DISCHARGED:
(A) 250967 Tons Cargo
(B) 2488 Vehicles in Number
(C) 10559 Head of Livestock

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1. FOODSTUFFS	
Flour/Wheat	4,104
Maize	—
Rice	4,348
Sugar	72
Tea	162
Various Foodstuffs	24,377
Fruit	4,676
Poultry	5,744
Meat	120
Eggs	—
Sub-Total for Foodstuffs	43,603
2. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	
Cement	43,973
Steel	18,213
Timber	9,866
General Building Materials	54,550
Sub-Total for Construction Materials:	126,602
3. VEHICLES	
Vehicles in number	5,364
Vehicles in Tons	77,851
4. LIVESTOCK	
Number of Head	22,658
5. OTHER GENERAL CARGO	96,776

TOTAL DISCHARGED:
(A) 344,832 Tons Cargo
(B) 5,364 Vehicles in Numbers
(C) 22,658 Head of Livestock

At Jeddah meeting

IDB sets $8m in Africa loans

JEDDAH, Jan. 1 (SPA) — The Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank (IDB) will loan Upper Volta, Morocco and Uganda 6.3 million Islamic Dinars, equivalent to $8,150,000 in project and foreign trade finance.

The bank's board of executive directors, which wound up its 31st session here Monday approved finance for an ID 2.5 million ($3,250,000) foreign trade operation for Upper Volta to impurt-cement and steel. It is the first bank-financed deal for Upper Volta.

The bank will extend ID 3.5 million ($4.5 million) to Morocco to buy railway trucks to transport bulk cement from production centers in Wajda to packaging and distribution points in Fez.

The IDB will also grant Uganda ID 310,000 ($400,000) to cover the foreign exchange component of the cost of a feasibility study for the construction of a road from Arua to Oraba which will eventually link Kabalaba to Sudan through the city of Morabu on the border. The road will make easier the transport and marketing of Uganda agricultural produce.

The board also finished the draft agenda for the third annual meeting of the IDB board of governors in Kampala, Uganda, next March.

Saudi Arabia is the major share bolder in the bank.

Islamic trade center

Meanwhile, it was announced Monday that an Islamic center for the promotion of trade among member states of the Organization of the Islamic Conference will be set up.

A panel of experts from the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs which held its fourth session last week, Monday approved the setting up of the center.

It decided that its location will be determined at the commission's fifth session.

The center will train personnel in marketing and trade activities.

Sudan minister praises Saudi development help

JEDDAH, Jan. 1 — Saudi Arabia is providing vital assistance in the execution of development projects in Sudan, Dr. Othman Hashim Abdul Salam, Sudanese minister of finance and national economy said in an interview published in "Okaz" newspaper Monday.

In certain projects, notably the Al-Rahd development, the Saudi contribution is not confined to providing finance but extends to mobilization assistance. The Kingdom has also provided considerable help in Sudanese road and communications projects and in the improvement of existing networks, Salam said.

As part of the two countries general cooperation policy, the Saudi government has contributed to the implementation of agricultural and livestock projects by which the Kingdom will eventually benefit through imports. For example, Sudan will soon be in a position to export sugar once the Kenana sugar scheme, in which the Kingdom is participating, is operational.

"By next year, we will reach self-sufficiency and move from there into exports," the minister said.

Salam also referred to the Saudi-Sudanese Commission for the Development of Red Sea Resources, which is conducting studies for the exploitation of the mineral rich brines and muds on the sea-bed.

In addition, the two countries have extended cooperation into the field of joint ventures, either with the Saudi Fund for Development or the Saudi private sector, the minister said.

Salam praised Saudi Arabia's support for the establishment of the Arab Organization for Investment and Agricultural Development, which comprises a number of Arab countries including Sudan. The organization will undertake agricultural projects for the general benefit of Arab states.

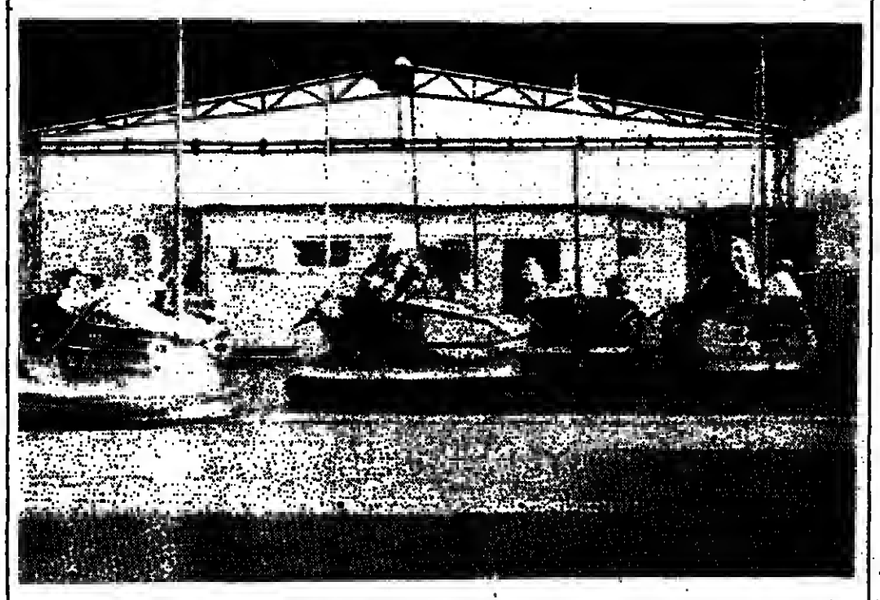
The organization's first project will be an agricultural scheme in Sudan, the minister said.

Khaled cables Sudan president

RIYADH, Jan. 1 (SPA) — King Khaled Monday sent a cable of congratulations to President Jaafar Numeiri of Sudan on his country's Independence Day.

King sees ulema

RIYADH, Jan. 1 (SPA) — King Khaled Monday received the sheikhs and ulema in the afternoon at the Maazar Palace here as is customary every Monday.



BUMPER: Young Saudis practise for Jeddah's streets on the bumper cars at the Luna Park amusement center.

Paper reports

Center plans $10m trachoma clinic

JEDDAH, Jan. 1 — The Saudi regional center of the Middle East Committee for the blind is studying the feasibility of a $10 million medical center for protection from blindness, "Al-Bilad" newspaper reported Monday.

According to recent figures there are nearly 7.5 million blind in the Middle East, at least half of the total blind population of the world, the paper said.

The proposed center will help to protect children from trachoma, one of the major diseases leading to blindness and prevalent in many Mideastern countries.

SPA adds: Saudi Health Minister Dr. Hussein Jazairi arrived in Manama Monday afternoon on a short visit to Bahrain before proceeding to Muscat to attend the Sixth Gulf Health Ministers Conference opening there Tuesday.

The six-day conference will discuss a proposal to set up a pharmaceutical plant, training in health institutes, and the establishment of a regional center for research into heart disease and radiotherapy.

Seven Arab countries are participating in the conference Oman, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

Riyadh educators start local literacy campaign

RIYADH, Jan. 1 (SPA)— The Directorate of Education here began a week-long literacy campaign Monday to coincide with an Arab World day for the eradication of illiteracy.

According to Dr. Hamad Ibrahim Al-Salloum, director of education for Riyadh district, the movement of adult education and eradication of illiteracy in the Kingdom was gaining momentum.

There are now, 1,931 literacy schools with 5,124 classes and 72,225 students in the Kingdom, he said, and added that Riyadh district alone has nearly 173 literacy schools with 563 classes and 7,500 students.

Salloum said the Kingdom had 660 literacy schools for women last year. These have 2,168 classes and are attended by about 30,000 students.

Saudi standards unit elected board member of U.N. organization

RIYADH, Jan. 1 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has been elected a member of the board of the International Standards Organization for three years starting Monday, in appreciation of the efforts of the Saudi Arabian Standards Organization.

Dr. Khaled Al-Khalaf, SASO director general, who participated in the ISO meetings held last December in Geneva, said that Saudi Arabia will pursue an active role in orienting the organization's activities for the interest of the Arab world in general, and Saudi Arabia in particular.

The board of the international organization comprises 18 members to represent 80 countries.

The organization was set up in 1947, as a technical agency of the United Nations. It aims to remove obstacles to world trade arising from different specifications and measurements.

Board meeting

Meanwhile, it was learnt Monday that the board of SASO will meet in mid-January under Dr. Soliman A. Solaim, the Minister of Commerce and SASO chairman.

The meeting agenda will approve a set of measures to be taken by the authority to grant scholarships to Saudi technical students who now study at their own expense abroad. It will also sign agreements with standards organizations and industrial research institutes in certain Asian countries to ensure that no article is exported from those countries to the Kingdom unless it has been checked and officially sealed.

SASO has also decided to set up several permanent committees on food industries, dairy products, electric systems, mechanical engineering goods, pressure cookers and similar appliances, construction design criteria, petrochemicals, spinning and weaving, electronic measurement instruments, mechanical measurement instruments, and safety standards to protect the environment and the consumer.

Meanwhile, it was announced in Riyadh Monday that the Industrial Research and Development Center has completed a draft for an industrial standards, safety and health reference book.

The center said that the book covers systems and instructions which factories must follow to protect workers and plant from accidents.

5-man committee set up to study water resources

RIYADH, Jan. 1 (SPA) — The Second Regional Conference of the West Asia Economic Commission on Water Monday set up a five-man committee to study the possibility of establishing a regional council for water resources.

The five members of the committee are Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

Conference Chairman Mustafa Nouri said that the committee will hold its first meeting Tuesday evening and draft its report within a year.

He added that Monday the conference also discussed the optimum use of water in agriculture and technical cooperation between member states and between these and countries outside the region.

Mayor interviewed

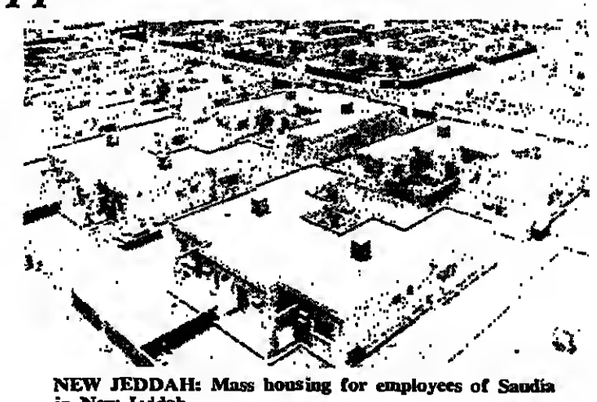
Keeping up appearances in Jeddah suburbs

JEDDAH, Jan. 1 (SPA) — Mayor of New Jeddah Ibrahim Al-Rawi said Monday that in the outgoing year, his municipality had embellished and planted trees in 22 streets in and around the north-eastern suburb.

He told SPA that basins for flowers had been built on the streets and suplings and some full-grown trees planted.

Other municipality improvements include maintenance, irrigation and the procurement of soil. His municipality had also been responsible for planting trees and bushes along a 2.5 kilometer stretch in front of the Hamra Guest Palace.

The mayor said that the new municipality comprised a special section for environmental health manned by a doctor, health supervisors and market controllers, to check cleanliness in shops, restaurants and places where public health may be endangered. These controllers have issued health cards to 556 workers in restaurants and groceries, he said. Eight shops have been closed for non-compliance with health instructions.



NEW JEDDAH: Mass housing for employees of Saudia in New Jeddah.

Meanwhile, the markets department checks licenses of shops and commercial premises. Over 1,000 such licenses were issued last year, an indication of the rapid expansion of retail trade in the area.

The mayor said that the municipality also ran a construction control center designed to prevent sprawl. It aims to curb building without license or trespassing on others' property, he said.

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Under U.S. pressure

Papers show virtual rout ending Palestine Mandate

LONDON, Jan. 1 (R) — New light is shed on Britain's withdrawal from Palestine in 1948 by secret documents to be released Tuesday.

British government files, made public after the expiry of 30 years, show how Britain lost its nerve and abandoned Palestine when it could no longer pursue a pro-Arab policy against the wishes of the United States.

They record Britain's difficulties with wartime allies France and the United States over the question of Jewish immigration into Palestine, which it had been trying to limit since 1939.

In May 1948 Britain, unable to contain the mounting Arab-Jewish fighting, hastily evacuated its forces from Palestine and handed back responsibility for the territory to the United Nations, giving up a Mandate which began in 1922.

On the day the Mandate ended, the State of Israel was proclaimed and instantly recognized by the United States.

Among documents released was a Foreign Office memorandum of 1948 complaining that elements in the French government were actively involved in the illegal immigrant traffic by giving facilities to "suspect" ships in Marseilles.

It also said that the flow of Jewish refugees, funded and masterminded in the U.S., was helped by American officials in the Allied Control Council in post-war Italy.

In other documents the Foreign Office noted that while the State Department was sympathetic to Britain's policy, officially nurtured public opinion in America supported the creation of a Jewish state.

A British diplomat in Washington complained that an American judge was "acting on instructions from higher up" when he refused to jail a group of arms smugglers with Zionist connections who were arrested while trying to export explosives from Jersey City docks, New Jersey.

And the British high commissioner in Palestine, Sir Alan Cunningham, warned in February 1947 that American crews were increasingly being used in immigrant ships in an attempt to cause diplomatic incidents between Britain and the United States.

The Royal Navy's inability to control the tide of Jewish refugees into Palestine by ship — sometimes with over 500 aboard — underlined the fact that by 1948 Britain no longer ruled the waves.

Cabinet records show that in 1947 the government decided against the use of a strong-arm tactics on the high seas. It thought that the repercussions of boarding foreign ships would overshadow the security benefits.

The story of the end of the Mandate is far from complete.

This year, as in previous years, files have been kept back by government departments obsessed with secrecy.

The gaps in the index on such subjects as arms smuggling, intelligence gathering and Communism in Arab states also reflect continuing sensitivity in Whitehall over how Britain washed its hands of responsibility for Palestine.

Turkish president says politicians exploiting riots

ANKARA, Jan. 1, (R) — President Fahri Koroturk Monday accused some Turkish politicians of exploiting the violence which led to the imposition of martial law last week and urged civilians and mililtary to work together for peace.

Koroturk, a retired admiral widely regarded as a political moderate, made the appeal in a New Year message to the nation after sectarian rioting a week ago in which more than 100 people died.

Martial law has been imposed in 13 of the country's 67 provinces.

Altogether more than 800 people were killed in political violence in Turkey last year.

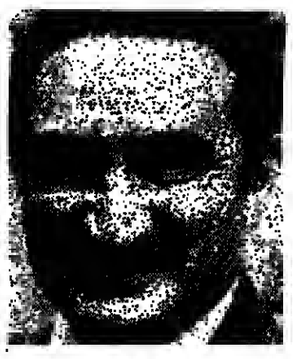
"It is unfortunate that certain persons, organizations and politicians, who have not been or were not willing to realize the dangers inherent in this attitude, have for their own political ends chosen to exploit these differences," the president said.

"I expect our nation, which wholly believes in democracy — except for those who have been misled — to help the authorities," he said.

Koroturk said there were groups which had plotted for years to push Turkey into internal strife, and added that it was absolutely necessary to ensure that the emergency regulations were respected.

"I sincerely hope that these incidents will be the last time that brother fights brother in Turkey. The fact that events have reached such dimensions is the culmination of many years. We will get nowhere if parties continue to accuse each other," he said.

In his New Year message, Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit pledged that Turkey would continue on a democratic path despite the imposition of martial law.



Bulent Ecevit

Ecevit declared, "the Turkish nation is at present going through a difficult period, but this difficult and bitter phase will pass and the nation will have peace once again."

Demanding harsh riot control

Two military 'hawks' resign in Iran

TEHRAN, Jan. 1 (Agencies) — Two senior Iranian military officers resigned after failing to persuade the Shah to adopt tougher tactics against street rioters protesting against his rule, diplomatic sources said Monday night.

They said the officers had insisted that harsher measures should be taken to tackle unrest which now threatens the Shah's throne.

The sources withheld the names of the two men, but said they were in the top echelon of the armed forces.

No official announcement of the resignation was expected.

They were the first resignations among senior officers of the Iranian armed forces loyal to the Shah, in a year of mounting opposition to his rule.

Meanwhile, at his residence outside Paris the Ayatullah Khomaini has compiled a list of possible cabinet members but will keep it secret "until the fall of the Shah," sources close to the exiled Iranian leader said Sunday.

The sources were unable to give any of the names on the list.

In his daily statement to the media, the Ayatullah condemned Shahpur Bakhtiar who has been asked to form a civilian government saying, "The Shah is corrupt, and anyone who deals with him is corrupt."

In his communique, Khomaini made no reference to reports that the Shah would soon leave Iran.

In another development, the Israeli airline El Al is continuing its regularly scheduled flights to Tehran despite reports of disturbances over the landing of Israeli planes, a spokesman for the airline said Monday.

The spokesmao said the Israeli jets were having "no trouble" flying in and out of Iran.

In Athens, another 200 foreigners evacuated from Iran, mainly Americans and Britons, arrived Monday aboard a plane chartered by the Oil Service Company of Iran.

RUBBLE: Two Beirutis clear away some of the wreckage after a mortar attack last year in the center of the city.

Procession down Hamra

Bullets celebrate, kill in Beirut

BEIRUT, Jan. 1 (AP)— Fireworks, rifles and bazookas punctuated a partial blackout and silence as militiamen and civilian, celebrated New Year's Eve.

Shortly before dawn Monday, some militiamen were shooting off their automatic rifles in traditional expressions of joy while others were tossing grenades and firing bazookas into populous quarters.

Two bombs rocked the Cornich Mazraa quarter and two grenades hit a parking lot in a southern Beirut area. Windows were shattered and three buildings sustained minor damage.

No casualty report was available in the bazooka and grenade attack which the leftist newspaper "As Safir" claimed was mounted by rightwing militias in the East Beirut sector.

The explosions chased a group of light-hearted merrymakers off the streets, the paper said.

These explosions were preceded by a volley of sniper fire allegedly started by the Rightists. Police said a 15-year-old girl was killed by a sniper bullet.

Residents of East Beirut celebrated throughout the night, while those in West Beirut tried to stage a low-key party on Hamra, the city's main thoroughfare.

As the procession of dancing-whistling youngsters moved through the street, unidentified gunmen shot off their Russian-made Kalashnikov rifles.

Cyprus leaders hopeful about new peace plans

NICOSIA, Jan. 1 (R) — Cyprus President Spyros Kyprianou and his foreign minister have made optimistic predictions on the possibility of talks between Greek and Turkish Cypriots on a new peace plan for the divided island.

"There have indeed been recent new concrete efforts" to find a solution, the president said in a New Year message broadcast Sunday night.

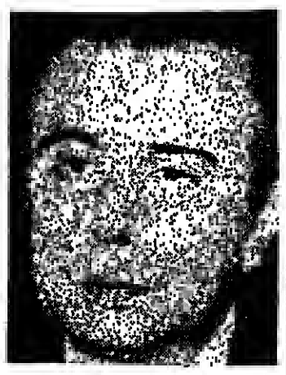
He said the government was studying the proposals "with coolness and with a great sense of responsibility."

Foreign Minister Nicos Rolandis said in an interview with the Greek Cypriot daily "Eleftheri Kypros," "I pray and hope that things will develop smoothly so that in two or three months time we shall be at the conference table."

Neither gave any details of the plan.

But U.N. Special Representative Reinaldo Galindo Pohl is believed to have been sounding out both sides in the dispute about fresh proposals from Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim to break the two-year deadlock in negotiations.

The president, in his broadcast, reassured Turkish Cypriots that they were not regarded as enemies or opponents by his government.



Spyros Kyprianou

He said, "Our intention is close cooperation and peaceful coexistence with them without discrimination in a spirit of fraternity and sincerity."

PLO will open new offices

KUWAIT, Jan. 1 (R) — The Palestine Liberation Organization is to open offices in the New Year in Finland, Venezuela, Angola and Mozambique, PLO Foreign Affairs Spokesman Farouk Kaddoumi was quoted as saying here Monday. He said other offices in African and Latin American states were planned because the PLO needed to have a presence in non-aligned states which supported its cause.

Iranian bank in Frankfurt bombed

FRANKFURT, Jan. 1 (R) — A fire-bomb thrown through a window of the Iranian bank, Saderat Iran, Monday caused 15,000 marks ($7,500) damage and police seeking the culprits said political motives could not be ruled out.

Kuwaiti jet crashes; pilot dies

KUWAIT, Jan. 1 (AP) — A Kuwaiti air force jet fighter crashed Sunday during a training flight, killing pilot Ahmad Safar Abel, the defense ministry announced. It gave no other details.

Mashhad doctors appeal for aid

PARIS, Jan. 1 (R) — Iranian exiles in Paris Monday published what they said was an appeal for aid by doctors and other medical staff in the northern city of Mashhad, scene of recent violent clashes between troops and demonstrators. The doctors said they were overwhelmed with work.

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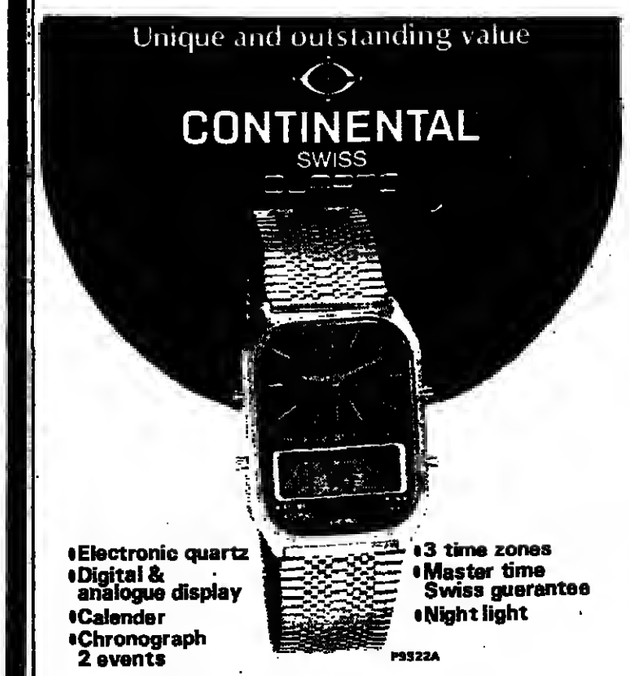

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'Oval-shaped, with three bands'

Melbourne TV claims filming UFO

MELBOURNE, Jan. 1 (AP) — A Melbourne television station says it has captured an unidentified flying object on film for the first time in history.

And it says the BBC in London, which has seen the film by satellite, supports the claim.

Channel O of the Australian television network shot the film over New Zealand Saturday night.

George Wilson, a spokesman for ATVO, said Sunday "an oval-shaped object with three bands around it can be seen clearly. At one stage the film crew saw 25 of these objects."

The film was made by Channel O reporter, Quentin Fogarty, and a film crew from Wellington. New Zealand.

Fogarty had been on holiday in New Zealand and heard about a New Zealand airline pilot who reported he had seen strange objects Dec. 21 over Cook Strait, a narrow body of water separating the North and South Islands.

Fogarty hired the crew and recreated the flight with the pilot Saturday night, Wilson said.

He returned to Melbourne Sunday with the seven-minute film.

"Fogarty told me it was the most amazing sight he had seen in his life," Wilson said. "He saw objects everywhere about him. They were in clusters, and at one stage the film crew counted 25 of them.

Wilson said Fogarty described the objects as being "lights in the sky which tracked and followed the aircraft."

"It is the classic shape of UFOS that have been sighted in the past," he said.

Wilson said the film also included shots of six other unidentified objects and said flight controllers at the Wellington Airport confirmed that objects other than aircraft had appeared on their radar at the same time the film was shot.

The pilot of the plane flying the Fogarty and the film crew, Bill Startup, said Monday there was no possibility that the object could have been another aircraft. "No aircraft would have the acceleration that thing did." he said.

Startup has been an airline pilot for 14 years.

He said the object appeared as a large ball of light.

"It came within 20 kilometers of the aircraft, then closer to 16 kilometers as we climbed to 13,000 ft. I decided to go closer. We took a quick turn to the right and this thing kept its relative distance," he said.

"It was appearing on the aircraft's radar screen. Then came the most spectacular part. It went above us, then below, then shot away," he said. "I have no idea what it was."

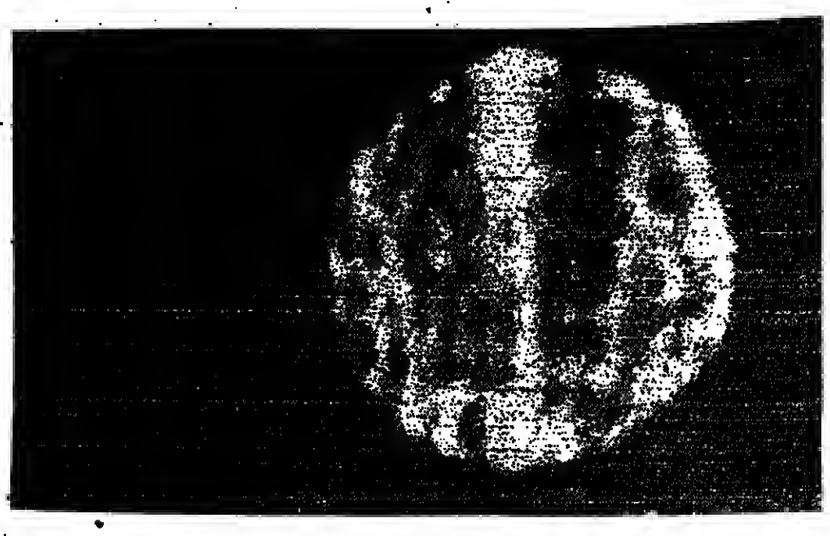
He said he had no preconceived ideas about UFOS.

Startup said Wellington Airport had again picked up unidentified blips on its radar Sunday night, 24 hours after his flight.

He said controllers told him there were 11 objects on the airport's radar at one time.

Wellington air traffic controller Geoff Causer reported erratic but quite discernible blips on the control tower radar for three and a half hours from 12:30 a.m. local time Sunday.

"They were unidentified flying somethings ... they were definitely not airplanes, and that's about the only thing I can be definite on," Causer said.



UNIDENTIFIED: The object filmed by a Melbourne television camera crew over New Zealand Sunday that the crew says is a UFO.

Moves toward democracy

Ghana lifts state of emergency

ACCRA, Jan. 1 (Agencies) — Ghanaian leader Lieut.-Gen. Fred Akuffo has lifted a two-month-old state of emergency imposed after industrial unrest and strikes in the country, the Ghana News Agency said.

It said he announced the move in nationwide New Year radio and television broadcasts as a gesture of goodwill to encourage the formation of political parties, allowed from Monday as a atep in the return to parliamentary democracy.

The emergency was imposed Nov. 6 after thousands of civil servants went on strike to back demands for more pay and better working conditions. Some civil servants were sacked after defying a government ultimatum to return to work, the agency said.

Akuffo pledged that the Supreme Military Council would not involve itself in organizing political parties or interfere with political campaigning, the agency said.

He added there was a need for political maturity, tolerance and goodwill.

The military government has promised to band over power to an elected civilian authority next July, ending seven years of military rule.

Akuffo, who was number two in the government of Gen. Ignatius Acheampong, took over the leadership in a bloodless political shuffle last July after months of disturbances and economic instability.

He immediately pledged the Acheampong government's plan for a return to civilian rule within a year would be upheld and ordered the release of jailed opposition politicians.

The government said Saturday 105 persons have been disqualified from holding office for the next 15 years. They had been found guilty of holding illegal assets by various investigation commissions established after the fall of the 1966 and 1972 governments, the announcement said.

Among those disqualified are R.R. Amponah, J.H. Mensah and Victor Owusu — all ministers in the Progress Party government overthrown in the 1972 military coup.

The decree means that several politicians who had hoped to return to political life will now be able to do so. Some political parties will have to be established by secondary figures.

That announcement also said that no new political party would be allowed to take on the name of any party that had previously been banned.

2,300 Vietnamese off Manila may be moved from Tung An

MANILA, Jan. 1 (R) — Philippine health authorities were considering Monday transferring some 2,300 Vietnamese refugees from the Tung An, a rusting freighter which has lain a week in Manila Bay to small boats.

Government television reported that the move was being considered because of health hazards.

The government has refused to allow them to land because it says the country does not have the facilities to handle them.

Deputy Foreign Minister Jose Ingles said accepting more refugees would further aggravate the social and health problems at a temporary camp in Manila where more than 2,000 other Vietnamese are already awaiting permanent settlement elsewhere.

The television also reported that a small Coast Guard patrol craft continued to deliver food to the Tung An refugees, many of them women and children.

Another vessel was standing by to take in sick passengers for medical treatment.

Earlier, a member of the new Interim National Assembly, lawyer Jerry Montemayor, appealed to President Ferdinand Marcos to allow the Tung An refugees to land pending their permanent settlement in other places.

Off Hong Kong about 2,700 refugees from Vietnam saw in 1979 aboard the crowded freighter Huey Fong.

Their chances of finding a new home are pinned on the German city of Frankfurt which has offered to take 250 of them.

SWAPO man said among bombers

WINDHOEK, Jan. 1 (AP) — A member of the South West Africa People's Organization and four other men have been identified as the suspects in a weekend bomb blast in which 37 persons were injured, police said Monday.

The bomb, exploded in a cafe on Saturday at the coastal resort of Swakopmund, on the south Atlantic coast of this South African-administered territory.

Fourteen persons were still in hospitals Monday.

The men, picked up for questioning on Sunday, were identified as: Festus Naholo, a member of SWAPO, Philippus Namalemo, Ombandja Ushona, Henry Boonzaaier and Arthur Pickering.

SWAPO guerrillas have been waging a hit-and-run war against South African troops in the territory for the last 12 years.

Last month, the territory's fledgling 50-member Constituent Assembly voted to accept the United Nations plan for a peaceful transition to independence this year after a U.N.-supervised election.

Four bombings ring out old year in N. Ireland

BELFAST, Jan. 1 (UPI) — Another year of violence in Ulster drew to a close Sunday with more bombings. But the incidents were comparatively minor and no one was hurt.

Four small bombs exploded at the Belfast studios of Ulster Television, the province's commercial television station. But police said there was very little damage.

The home-made devices had been hung on a security grille over windows at the back of the premises. A policeman spotted them and staff were evacuated, but New Year's Eve programs were able to continue without interruption.

French postmen suffer

Animal kingdom takes 1978 in its stride

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP) — Dog bites man made news in 1978. Attacks on French postmen jumped 21 per cent. But a stray dog saved a man from freezing in New York and two sharp cats were honored for heroism by the governor of Delaware.

Mighty oxen and a high-IQ gorilla also helped make 1978 a notable year for animals.

Hsing-Hsing and Ling-Ling disappointed, and the long-awaited patter of tiny giant panda feet was still unheard at the Washington National Zoo.

But U.S. musk oxen which went to Russia in a 1975 animal exchange have given birth, said Moscow. Cousins of theirs also distinguished themselves by winning the international ox-pull title for the second straight year in Nova Scotia.

And in April the 100th golden lion marmoset was born at the National Zoo. They are tiny, graceful monkeys from Brazil. A new gnulet, Bulletin, appeared at the Topeka, Kan., zoo. Gnus are African antelopes.

Canine heroism occurred in New York City when a stray dog, later named Turkey, used his warmth to save a man who collapsed in snow as deep as his waist. The dog's barking finally attracted passersby. The two cats were cited by Delaware Governor Pierre du Pont for rousing Susan Dyson of Wilmington before her smoke-filled kitchen burst into flames.

The dog Turkey received an award from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and cats Tiki and Minet got the William O. Stillman Award from the National Humane Association.

Primate newsmakers included Koko, a Lowland Gorilla who has learned to lie, insult and swear in sign language.

Morris, the TV cat, purred his last commercial at the age of 17.

Another notable feline death was that of Fat Cat Blackie, 19, in Sheffield, England. His owner left Blackie a 35,000-pound estate, then worth $77,000, when she died in 1975.

In the world of science, seven Doberman Pinschers proved that narcolepsy, a deep craving for sleep, is of genetic origin and baboons were rescued from simulated auto wreck tests.

In Morgantown, North Carolina, the owner of a boa constrictor claimed a man bit off half an inch from her pet's tail.

Seven die from choking on sticky Japanese cake

TOKYO, Jan. 1 (AP) — Seven people have choked to death in the past two days while eating "Mochi," a sticky rice cake traditionally served for New Year celebrations in Japan.

The last reported fatality occurred Monday in a provincial town northeast of Tokyo, but the death toll is expected to rise as more old people eat the "Mochi" cakes during holidays that last through the first week of January.

"Mochi," made from pounding freshly boiled rice, is eaten either in soup or roasted over a fire. Although "Mochi" eating has become a tradition because the rice cakes are said to bring luck, many older people lack the strength to swallow the glutinous cake properly.

Newspapers warn the elderly to be careful when eating "Mochi", but dozens of fatalities are reported each New Year.

As a slightly more equal housewife

Christina Onassis finds happiness in Moscow

MOSCOW, Jan. 1 (AP) — Life in Moscow for Greek millionairess Christina Onassis is apparently a dream come true, with all the obscurity, simplicity and "peace and quiet" she said she never had in Athens.

Five months after marrying an out-of-work Soviet bureaucrat who said he wanted to be a schoolteacher, Miss Onassis has succeeded in dropping out of sight and out of the headlines.

She has refused all interview requests and has changed her telephone number, and reporters, many of whom sympathize with her wish to withdraw, have stopped pursuing her.

"If this were Paris or London, I wouldn't be able to walk down the street without being pestered," she once remarked.

Now, friends say, she is learning to be the housewife she always wanted to be, staying home most night with her husband Sergei Kauzov, whom she met in Paris where he worked until last June as an office manager for the Soviet freight company Sovfrakht.

The marriage of one of the world's richest women — she controls her late father Aristotle Onassis' $500 million shipping empire — to an obscure Communist party member last Aug. 1 caused a stir around the world, with curious people, both abroad and in Moscow, asking why she did it.

Christina Onassis

"For people who understand what love is," her mother-in-law explained one day, "everything should be clear."

"The world knows I haven't had much happiness until now," the twice-married Miss Onassis said on the eve of her third marriage. She told friends that all she wanted in her new life was to cook for her husband, have a baby and enjoy the "peace and quiet" she had never known.

"I've been accustomed to so much luxury in my life that it won't be such a problem to live more simply," she said.

After her marriage, she moved with her husband into her mother-in-law's 2½-room apartment. But although her life now, as described by friends, is spartan by comparison with that of most Greek millionaires, it is far from as simple as that of the average Soviet housewife.

She and her husband have bought a Mercedes, which they drive to and from a special food store where foreigners buy produce that is not generally available in Soviet stores.

She is said to have vacationed recently in Switzerland, and although she is not often seen in public, she has been seen at receptions in the Norwegian and Canadian embassies, where she has friends.

And she no longer lives in her mother-in-law's small flat, but has moved with her husband into a seven-room suite made by combining two Soviet homes. A designer friend from Paris has traveled here to help her decorate it, and Miss Onassis has made shopping trips to nearby Helsinki, Finland.

Despite persistent rumors, it does not appear yet that Miss Onassis is pregnant. But if her child is born in the Soviet Union, as she has reportedly said she would like it to be, it will automatically become a Soviet citizen under a new law that takes effect this June.

Under Soviet law, her husband does not, in the event of a divorce or separation, have title to her wealth acquired before their marriage, but be is due half of that accumulated since that date.

Spokesman for Miss Onassis have said the daily business of the shipping conglomerate would be carried out, as before her marriage, by associates of her father.

Hess reported unchanged; no comment about stroke

BERLIN, Jan. 1 (AP) — Imprisoned Nazi deputy leader Rudolf Hess remains under treatment in a West Berlin hospital for circulatory and vision ailments, the British military said.

The 94-year-old was taken to the British military hospital day ago from Spandau Prison, where he is the only prisoner of the four Allies.

Hess is undergoing several days of general checkups and the state of his health remains unchanged, the military said, but refused to comment on a claim made by the former American warden of Spandau that Hess had suffered a stroke.

Eugene Bird, a retired U.S. Army officer who was warden from 1964 to 1972 said Sunday he has sent a telegram to President Carter urging Hess be freed because of his deteriorating health.

Hess has been an allied prisoner for 37 years.

By Sri Lanka lawyer

Twist record danced off its feet

COLOMBO, Jan. 1 (R) — A 35-year-old Sri Lankan lawyer broke the world twist dance record early Monday morning, and was still dancing at noon aiming at a record of 132 hours.

As the new year dawned, Kumar Anandan, born with a club foot but holder of the world water-treading and balancing-on-one-leg records, broke the previous twist record of 102 hours 28 minutes and 37 seconds set by American Roger English in July 1973.

As he passed the old record, Anandan hugged his wife and two sons and announced to 100 000 wildly cheering, dancing fans that he would keep dancing for 30 more hours.

He said he would try to set seven more world records in different events during the next year.

"The record of one man setting up 10 endurance records will stand the test of a few decades," he said.

President Junius Richard Jayewardene visited Anandan early Monday to congratulate him. He handed the president a parcel of currency notes given by spectators to a fund for victims of a devastating cyclone which hit Sri Lanka Nov. 9.

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Taiwanese turn deaf ear to China's first overture

TAIPEI, Jan. 1 (R) — Taiwan's President Chiang Ching-Kuo Monday vowed that the Nationalists rejected any compromise with the Peking government and said it would stand alone without U.S. support

The president, son of the late Chiang Kai-shek, delivered a toughly-worded New Year's Day message as the United States severed diplomatic links with Taiwan and opened normal relations with China. The U.S. defense treaty with Taiwan will expire in one year's time. (See related story, page one.)

"Our anti-communist struggle will never cease until communism is eliminated from Chinese territory and until the Chinese Communist regime has been destroyed," he said.

"We shall rid ourselves of the psychology of dependence, discard the mentality of chance, discredit illusions," he said.

"As to the ways of self-support and self-reliance, I think it is fundamental that we strengthen our psychological preparedness in addition to improving our national defense, developing economic projects and augment tangible development projects."

The nationalist leader added: "We do not deny that our country is again distressed and assaulted by adversity. But our ancient sages have told us that a country thrives on distress."

Peking announced Sunday it was halting the leaflet-bombardment of the islands of Quemoy and Matsu and asked Taiwan to consider rejoining the mainland with its capitalist status quo intact.

It also suggested lifting the bao on travel between the two countries, and establishing postal links.

The Chinese parliament said, "Why shouldn't compatriots living so near, on the mainland and Taiwan, visit each other freely? We believe that there is no reason for such barriers to continue."

In Washington, the Taiwan flag flew for the last time over U.S. soil Monday, lowered to the defiant cry: "We shall return."

About 200 Nationalist Chinese, many waving small flags of their own, others with tears in their eyes, sang their national anthem as Vice Foreign Minister H.K. Yang began the ceremony in the spacious grounds of now-departed Ambassador James Shen's residence.

"I should like to assure you all with conviction and with confidence, we shall return. And we shall return with this same flag," he said, his voice rising to a shout.

In Peking

'Guo' rhymes with 'saw'

TOKYO, Jan. 1 (AP) — It appeared that China had a new leader and a new capital Monday, but it was just a question of spelling. China picked the New Year to substitute its own spelling system for the Wade-Giles System long used in the West.

Thus Communist Party Chairman Hua Kuo-feng became Hua Guofeng in dispatches by the official Hsinhua — now Xinhua — News Agency and Peking became Beijing.

These spellings are close to the way these names are pronounced. Guo rhymes with saw, and Feng with tongue.

China has been moving gradually on a program of simplifying the traditional Chinese written characters by reducing the number of strokes needed to write them. It also has been substituting complicated characters with the same sound but unrelated meaning for more complicated characters.

Its stated goal is eventually to replace the characters with letters to ease computer and typewriter communication. This is where its spelling system for Chinese sounds come in.

Rather than continue to use their own spelling system at home in teaching youngsters a system they hope will replace characters, while using a different spelling system in publications sent abroad, the Chinese have decided to stick to one system.

Communist Party Vice Chairman Yeh Chien-ying will be Ye Jianying, Li Hsien-nien will be Li Xiannian and Wang Tung-hsing will be Wang Dongxing.

SURVIVOR: A United Airlines stewardess, immediately after the crash of the DC-8 near Portland, Oregon, answers questions in front of the plane wreckage. Ten people died in the crash Thursday, Dec. 28. Next to her is a local deputy sheriff.

Investigators say DC-8 had no power

PORTLAND, Ore. Jan. 1 (UPI) — Federal investigators say a United Airlines DC-8 that crashed Thursday night, killing 10 people was without power for 44 seconds before it plowed into an unoccupied house near Portland International Airport.

The National Transportation Safety Board had hoped to talk with the pilot of the jet Monday, but doctors said they were not sure he would be sufficiently recovered. Capt. Malburn McBroom, 52, was listed in satisfactory condition with a bruised heart.

The plane carried 184 people, and 69 were injured, none seriously.

Elwood Driver of the Safety Board said instruments recovered Saturday showed the plane was without power for 44 seconds before the crash.

A fuel flow indicator, which shows how much fuel is being fed to the engines, read "zero" at the time of impact, Driver said.

"This, coupled with other information we have leads to the agreement that the power plants were not operating at impact time. This occurred, we guess, about 44 seconds before impact," he said.

Driver said it was still not known whether any fuel remained when the plane went down. The plane, attempting to land at Portland International Airport, had been circling for nearly an hour because of a suspected landing gear problem before it crashed about 3½ miles southeast of the airport.

Driver said Saturday that the pilot radioed before the crash that he had 3,000 pounds of fuel, the equivalent of 480 U.S. gallons, which could have kept the plane flying for more than 20 minutes.

But also Saturday, rescue officials said that the pilot sent a distress signal that the engines were cutting out shortly before impact.

Rescue workers who were first on the scene reported a strong smell of fuel oil. Three of the plane's fuel tanks were ruptured in the crash, but the fourth remained intact. There was no fire after the crash.

U.S. preoccupied with defense against Russia, Sparkman says

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP) — The retiring chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee says Americans may have overrated the Soviet Union's strengths and, consequently, demanded tougher policies than necessary towards Moscow.

Sen. John Sparkman said the Soviet Union, while "exceptionally strong" as a military power, economically and socially exhibits "many of the characteristics of a developing country."

Many Americans have seen the U.S.S.R. only as a military power and "have demanded of one president after another that the United States be prepared militarily to 'stand up' to the Soviets," said the Alabama Democrat.

"With a more accurate perception of the Soviet Union, Americans may demand of their presidents that they be as willing to 'sit down' with the Russians as they have been to 'stand up' to them," said Sparkman, who is ending a 42-year congressional career.

Sparkman's comments appeared in the introduction to a book published Sunday by his committee, entitled "Perceptions: Relations between the United States and the Soviet Union." It consists of 80 essays by experts and scholars, including former Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Sparkman's predecessor as Foreign Relations Committee chairman, former Sen. J. William Fulbright, Democrat of Arkansas.

The book covers a wide range of subjects, including the military and economic relationships between the Soviet Union and the United States, Western Europe and the communist nations of Eastern Europe.

Sen. John Sparkman

Fulbright, now associated with a Washington law firm, said he believes U.S. policy towards Moscow may have puzzled the Soviets even more than the Russians' closed society has baffled America's policymakers.

He noted that U.S. policy has been influenced by various factors, including the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' tough Cold War policies, the Communist-hunting activities of the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy, political pressures for higher defense spending and the moves by former President Richard Nixon toward a policy of detente with the Soviets and China.

Nicaragua troops clash with rebels

MANAGUA, Nicaragua Jan. 1 (UPI) — Sandinista guerrillas battled government troops in the north and along the tense southern border with Costa Rica in New Year's Eve fighting, the National Guard reported Monday.

Clashes erupted in northern Esteli Province and near the Costa Rican border which has been closed for six days, a National Guard communique reported.

Five guerrillas were wounded in the battles while the government suffered no casualties, the communique said.

Embattled President Anastasio Somoza, returning from his first trip abroad since the September revolt led by the Sandinistas, wished his fellow Nicaraguans a peaceful 1979.

But the moderate anti-Somoza broad opposition front said it will "continue the struggle in 1979" to oust the Nicaraguan leader from power — peacefully or violently.

15-year head start may hamper manhunt, JFK panel chief says

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (Agencies) — The head of the House of Representatives Assassinations Committee which says conspirators probably murdered both President Kennedy and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King has admitted it would be difficult now to track down the killers.

President Kennedy was assassinated in 1963 and Dr. King in 1968.

'Now, it's going to be very difficult for the Justice Department or anyone else to pick up these leads and develop what could and should have been developed 15 years ago," Committee Chairman Louis Stokes (D.-Ohio) said Sunday.

Stokes also said the final report of his House Assassinations Committee "will be able circumstantially to connect" James Earl Ray to a $50,000 bounty conspiracy to assassinate Dr. Martin Luther King.

Dr. Martin Luther King

The committee chairman said Sunday the final report also will accuse the Federal Bureau of Investigation, by its harassment of King, of "creating the kind of atmosphere in which this type of assassination could take place."

Stokes said his committee shares its experts' 95 per cent certainty that President John Kennedy was assassinated in a crossfire by two gunmen, but said the committee knows little more about the probable conspiracy.

In final conclusions, the committee said the only conspiracy possibilities it cannot preclude involve maverick Mafia figures or Cubans opposed to President Fidel Castro. Stokes said the final report will establish Lee Harvey Oswald's "relationships to other persons in New Orleans," and committee sources say there is evidence possibly linking Oswald to Mafia figures and to the anti-Castro Cubans.

But when asked if those relationships amount to leads on the identities of the Kennedy conspirators, Stokes replied: "No, we say quite candidly we do not know the extent of the conspiracy."

Gacy's former employee sought as possible murder accomplice

CHICAGO, Jan. 1 (AP) — A former employee of John Gacy Jr., the contractor suspected of killing as many as 32 young men and boys, is being hunted as a possible witness to the slayings, the "Chicago Sun-Times" reports.

The police search for the unidentified man began after a victim of an alleged assault involving Gacy said he was convinced Gacy had an accomplice, "the Sun-Times" said Sunday.

Twenty-seven bodies have been unearthed from beneath Gacy's suburban Chicago home. The bodies of two boys found in the Des Plaines River have also been linked with Gacy. He has reportedly confessed to dumping more bodies in the river.

Gacy, reportedly has written letters from jail in which he said that "some things said about me are true" and asked his mother to "please forgive me."

Authorities planning to resume the grisly search on the property say they may have to tear up his driveway and lawn to complete their investigation.

Police Chief Edmund Dobbs said after he suspended the search Saturday because of the New Year's holiday he is still not satisfied the remains of all the victims on Gacy's property have been found.

After week-long search in a crawl space-cemetery beneath Gacy's house, authorities say it appears that may be all the bodies there. But Dobbs said his men "also may rip up the walls of the house" when the search is resumed Tuesday.

With one extra second to spare

From Times Square to Pike's Peak, U.S. celebrates

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (AP) — The traditional mob rang in the New Year in Times Square despite drizzle, while 1,200 miles away revelers in New Orleans rocked in 1979 to the sounds of the Marshall Tucker Band, one of the younger generation's answers to the late Guy Lombardo.

In Boulder, Colorado, scientists added an extra second to the old year Sunday night, and across the country, Bostonians welcomed 1979 with the city's third annual "First Night" celebration offering everything from children's games on Boston Common to subway station concerts.

Gov. Richard Lamm of Colorado and 111 other people got 1979 off to a popping start by shooting off fireworks atop Pike's Peak after a two-day climb up the 14,110-foot mountain.

It was a busy night, too, for thousands of people making last minute preparations for Monday's extravagant Rose Parade in Pasadena, California, and the Mummers Parade in Philadelphia.

New York City offered a double-barrel New Year's welcome — the Times Square mob scene, fireworks and a rock concert in Central Park.

Hundreds of thousands of people crowded into Times Square to watch the white ball make its 70th descent down a flagpole to usher in the New Year.

In New Orleans, the Marshall Tucker Band played at The Warehouse in a concert broadcast nationwide.

Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians had something new, too — a disco version of "Auld Lang Syne" — in its 50th New Year's Eve performance. A black-tie crowd paid $115 to $165 each at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel to dine on filet mignon and listen to the band, led by Bill Lombardo, the 51-year-old nephew of the late maestro.

For the seventh straight year, the New Year arrived a second later than most people realized. Scientists at the National Bureau of Standards in Boulder reset the nation's standard clock to add a "leap second," without which sunrise eventually would come at noon.

But, as Michael Baum of the bureau noted, "One extra second added to the other 31,536,000 that slipped away when our backs were turned this year won't make much difference."

For football fans there was the Bluebonnet Bowl in Houston, which offered a televised warmup for the big four bowls of New Year's Day — the Rose in Pasadena, the Cotton in Dallas, the Orange in Miami and the Sugar in New Orleans.

Nearly 500,000 people spent New Year's Eve sleeping on the sidewalks of Pasadena to get a curbside seat to the Tournament of Roses Parade, offering 60 floats, 22 bands and 34 equestrian teams. About 1.5 million people crowded into the Los Angeles suburb for the 5.5-mile-long parade and another 125 million watched on television.

ASEAN may hold summit in Manila

MANILA, Jan. 1 (UPI) — Foreign Minister Carlos Romulo said Monday the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is studying the possibility of holding a summit conference in Manila this year to review the "new political environment in Asia."

Exiles returning to Angola

LISBON, Jan. 1 (AP) — Opponents of Angola's Marxist government are ending their exile in Zaire and returning home, reports from Angola said. The Portuguese press Sunday quoted unidentified sources as saying 51 senior members of the National Front for the Liberation of Angola had returned to Angola expressing a wish to "join in the task of reconstruction."

Soviets view '78 as year of progress

MOSCOW, Jan. 1 (AP) — The Kremlin leadership declared in its annual New Year's message to the Soviet people Sunday night that "our motherland's international situation is strong as never before." The government said that 1978 was a year aimed at furthering the development on detente, curbing the arms race and strengthening peace and friendship among all peoples.

One dead in trawler explosion

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 1 (AP) — One man was killed and two others seriously burned Sunday as an explosion ripped through a fishing trawler at pier side here, the South African Press Association reported Monday. SAPA said the explosion occurred in the trawler's engine room, apparently when a lighted cigarette touched off leaking fuel.

Thais told 1979 'year of farmers'

BANGKOK, Jan. 1 (AP) — Thai Prime Minister Kriangsak Chomanan declared in his New Year's speech that 1979 will be the "year of the farmers." Kriangsak said it was time to improve the living standards of the majority of Thais — the farmers, who in many cases have been left behind by development.

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Korean Camp David

By Mark Murray

SEOUL — Having seen President Carter bringing Israel and Egypt to the conference table, South Korea would now like him to produce a Camp David for them.

In its frustration at the lack of negotiations with the Communist north, the South sees Big Power intervention as the best hope in the next few years of bringing an end to 30 years of sporadic armed struggle.

There was a brief spring of bope in 1972 when the heavily guarded and mined Demilitarized Zone was fluog open for the first time since the Korean War to permit the passage of delegations to the capitals of the divided peninsula.

The breakthrough was sudden and dramatic and the Northern decision to retreat into its cocoon a year later equally so. The idea then had been to start parallel Red Cross humanitarian and political level talks. The first would deal with the tragic division of families unable to communicate since the war, while the second would work on areas of agreement that might lead some day to reunification.

A grandiose conference hall was built on a wooded mountainside overlooking central Seoul, with thick carpets, plush armchairs, glittering chandeliers and ornamental doves of peace. It has never been used. The dust covers remain on the chairs and tables in the various conference rooms. A direct phone line to Pyongyang is silent.

Soutb Korea continues its efforts to lure the North back to the conference table on two levels. First, there is a frantic drive to build up the national economy, protected by a well-equipped military force, as well as toughening the national morale. The belief in Seoul is that the South will then be so strong that any Northern military incursion would be suicidal.

This, of course, is useless without Northern awareness of the fact. And here, South Korea is depending on friends, neutrals and even former enemies to get the message across and nudge Northern strong man Kim Il Sung to give up his long dream of Communizing the South by force.

What frustrates the South Koreans is that, as one top government official put it: "Pragmatism is squeezing out ideology everywhere in the region...except, unfortunately in Pyongyang."

The sudden announcement of diplomatic relations between China aod the United States is not really seen in Seoul as much help. Officially, the foreign ministry made polite noises about the important contribution this event would make towards peace and stability in Asia. And most Koreans, of course, are hoping that, in some way, Washington will be able to use its additional influence with Peking to help break the Korean deadlock.

But the hopes are oot high. According to a senior government official, "there are just too many other iobibiting factors involved, including the fact that oo one really bas that much influence oo Pyongyang."

He also voiced a deep Korean fear that, in fact, the Sino-Americao rapprochement in some respects is a retrogade step. "Everyone talks about the stabilizing influence this will have, bul everyone forgets the destabilizing element (the United States severing its most important ties with Taiwan, with which the South Koreans identify very closely in the fight against Communism in Asia)."

Seoul, already sensitive to Washington's intentions in the region in view of the Carter pullout of American ground forces from Korea, has now been made eveo more nervous. This may be one reason wby, according to well-informed sources, the Koreans were told in advance of the official announcement what China and the United States were planning.

Seoul itself has begun a big diplomatic offensive and, in the process, has become more flexible. The fiercely anti-Communist President Park Chung Hee has opened the door by adopting a doctrine of making no fuss if countries have diplomatic ties with both Koreas.

Overtures have been made to the Soviet Union and China. The Chinese remain frostily silent, but the Russians have unbent ever so slightly by permitting a few South Korean visitors into the Soviet Union recently (although diplomatic sources say there really is no change in Moscow's basic attitude.)

The Americans have tried to help by suggesting Washington will adopt a more relaxed pose to Pyongyang, if China and the Soviet Union will do the same for Seoul. So far, there's been no response.

North Korea, meanwhile, maintains a precarious balancing act between the two Communist giants on its border. There is an emotional link with China, whose intervention in the Korean War saved Kim Il Sung from defeat. At the same time, the ageing Pyongyang leadership received its training in the 1930s and 1940s primarily in Russian territory, and it was the Russians who established the Kim Il Sung regime after the Japanese were driven out in 1945.

Now that China and the Soviet Union have fallen out, the situatioo becomes more complicated. Diplomatic observers point out that neither wants to see the other gain any advantage in North Korea, whose geographical location provides an ideal military flanking maneuver.

So, can the Americans help? Many South Koreans would like tu see President Carter take the initiative, as he did in the Middle East peace negotiations. But diplomatic observers in Seoul say it's extremely improbable either Moscow or Peking would permit such meddling in their own backyard, even if North Korea were willing to listen — also highly unlikely, unless there was a drastic leadership change.

Anyway, that would set unbealtby precedents for out side interference in the affairs of other Moscow and Peking satellite States elsewhere in Asia and Europe. So, for the next few years, it seems as if that gorgeous marbled conference ball overlooking Seoul will remain a sad white elephant.—(OFNS)

Gandhi's edge

By Sunanda Datta-Ray

CALCUTTA — By expelling Mrs. Indira Gandhi from parliament and imprisoning her for several days, Prime Minister Morarji Desai's Janata coalition has played right into the hands of an astute strategist who desires nothing more anxiously than to receive a martyr's crown.

Never at a loss for unearthing obscure precedents, Indian political analysts are already comparing her with John Wilkes, the 18th century Britisb radical who was repeatedly re-elected to the House of Commons but expelled each time. Finally, his opponent — who bad won only 296 votes against Wilkes's 1,143 — was arbitrarily declared elected.

Such comparisons appeal to Mrs. Gandhi, who got a hero's welcome after her release from Delhi's Tihar Jail where, ironically, most members of today's cabinet cooled tbeir heels during her rigorous emergency. She had good reason to be satisfied with countrywide rioting by her followers. About 100,000 people were arrested and more tban a dozen killed in clashes with the police.

A dramatic touch was lent to the protest demonstrations by the abortive hijacking of an Indian Airlines Boeing on a scheduled flight from Calcutta to New Delhi. The two youth Congress cadets who used toy pistols and cricket balls (passed off as hand grenades) to intimidate the pilot and crew demanded the former prime minister's immediate release.

Last week's so-celled "farmers' rally" in the capital—organized by 76-year-old Charan Singh who was dismissed as home minister last March — could be even more significant. There have been persistent rumors of a pact betweeo Mrs. Gandhi and the powerful Singh, who incurred the prime minister's wrath by demanding an inquiry into corruption charges against his son. Kantilal Desai.

Singh has ever since been bitterly opposed to the Desai government. He is now openly advocating dissolution of the Janata coalition. However unlikely allies be and Mrs. Gandhi might make, the possibility of the two frustrated leaders burying their differences to gang up against an already beleaguered prime minister should not be ruled out.

Mrs. Gandbi badly needs his support to win elections in the Hindi-speaking states of northern India which bold the key to national power. Her own recent victory from a southern constituency could even be a liability (though she insists on contesting again from the same place) since her party has since lost two important by-elections in the Hindi belt.

The rally, designed principally to demonstrate Charan Singh's following, could also mark the beginniog of a new alliance of expediency. If it fructifies, Mrs. Gandhi can be certain of again becoming prime minister after India's 1982 general elections or even earlier depending on how long the Janata can hold together. At 61 she is a mere stripling in India's gerontocratic politics. — (OFNS)

Tibetan example

By Barry Shlachter

NEW DELHI— Carrying out a Chinese suggestion that Taiwan be absorbed politically like Tibet could prove bloody if the Taiwanese react as the Tibetans did during the 1950s.

Veteran Chinese diplomat Wang Ping-nao told the Associated Press in Peking Monday Tibet could be the model for Taiwan's future status if the island republic decides to merge with the Mainland.

China reasserted its influence over the Central Asian state after Tibet had enjoyed near-independence during the declining years of the Nationalist Chinese regime of Gen. Chiang Kai-shek.

In January, 1950, the triumphant Chinese Communists announced the People's Liberation Army would "liberate" Tibet. Ten months later, troops entered the country and after some initial skirmishes advanced without much interference.

A 1951 treaty between China and Tibet, provided that Peking would control Lhasa's foreien relations and guarantee the Dalai Lama's "established status, functions and powers." But the Buddhist ruler's authority was increasingly curbed by the Chinese.

Although the Peking leadership did not immediately impose Communist reforms, reports of anti-Chioese resistance filtered out of Tibet during the mid-1950s.

The fiercest of the Tibet groond fighters were the Khampa tribesmen who gained cootrol for a time of a 20,000-sq. mile piece of wild and icy territory north of the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan.

The revolt spread from the Khampa region north to Lhasa, the Tibetan capital, in March, 1959. Later the same month, when the Dalai Lama realized the Chinese could not be expelled by force, he and his close followers fled to India.

Tibetan autonomy ended with the suppression by Chinese troops of the revolt, although Peking set up the so-called Tibet autonomous region in 1965.

Peking has admitted that 200,000 Tibetans were killed in clashes with the People's Liberation Army in 1955-63, indicating that some resistance continued after the unsuccessful 1959 uprising.

The Dalai Lama, in an interview last summer at his Dharamsala, India, headquarters, said he believes that the south of Tibet still has not been won over by the Chinese. (AP)

SALT II and defense spending

By Fred Hoffman

WASHINGTON — U.S. military officials say anyone expecting a U.S.-Soviet nuclear arms agreement to halt the drive for advanced weapons or lead to defense budget cuts is in for a disappointment.

"We will bave to increase the present spending rate to keep essential equivalence even with a SALT II treaty," said U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown.

Gen. David Jones, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, made it clear recently that the nation's top military leaders will support a SALT agreement only if "we can proceed with the programs necessary to allow esseotial equivalence."

By "essential equivalence," Brown and Jones mean that the U.S. nuclear strike force must be kept in approximate balance with that of the Soviet Union — not only in numbers but in effectiveness.

Only in this way, they believe, can the United States remain certain that the Russians will be deterred from launching a surprise knockout blow in the future.

While Brown indicated defense spending would have to increase under SALT II, he says speodiog would have to rise even more — by perhaps $2 billion a year — in the absence of a new agreement.

"Without a SALT treaty, they probably would do more and we would probably do more," Brown said, referring to the action-reaction aspect of the arms race. Advocates of a SALT II treaty hope it will temper that spiral.

Pressure on President Jimmy Carter from liberal interests not to cut social programs from the new federal budget in favor of defense has been countered by pressure from conservatives to increase defense outlays in view of Soviet weapons growth.

Since a SALT treaty would face a severe test in the Senate, where a two-thirds vote is required for ratification, analysts say Carter cannot risk alienating conservative senators.

According to present indications, Carter will follow through on his public pledge to increase defense spending by about three percent beyond inflation in the budget he sends to Congress this month. Defense spending in tbe proposed budget is expected to total about $123 billion in fiscal 1980.

That would represent a victory for Brown and the joint chiefs over opposing forces in the administration which have fought to curb military spending in favor of domestic programs.

Billions of dollars in U.S. strategic weapons programs are certain to go forward even with a new SALT agreement. The vast bulk of the spending will come in future years.

— Although basic decisions have oot been made, it is likely the United States will develop and deploy an entirely new mobile long-range missile system that could cost up to $30 billion. Defense planners contend a mobile missile system is essential by the mid-1980s when current Minutemen missiles in their fixed, land-launched bases are expected to become vulnerable to destruction by iocreasingly accurate Soviet missiles.

— Work is underway on construction of a fleet of giant Trident submarines and development of a 7,200-kilometer range missile to be launched from them. The current estimated cost for 13 Trident submarines and their missiles is $24 billion.

Backers say the Tridents would be virtually invulnerable to Soviet submarine hunters.

— High priority has been given to development of a new cruise missile, a small pilotless drone which would be fired from B-52 bombers well beyond the range of Soviet air defense. The theory is that Russia could not stop the 3,000 or so nuclear-armed cruise missiles traveling at high subsonic speeds. Estimated cost of this air launched missile project: nearly $4.2 billion.

In addition, Soviet tests of satellite-killing space systems have impelled the Pentagon to move with some urgency into anti-satellite weapons research and progress to preserve American reconnaissance and other space vehicles from destruction. Nobody knows how much this ultimately could cost.

And work already has begun on a relatively modest scale on research that could lead ultimately to exotic beam weapons which are outside the scope of the SALT II treaty. — (AP).

Spain rebuilds imperial glory

By James Neilson

BUENOS AIRES, — Quietly and carefully, Spain has set about turning its once huge Latin American empire into a kind of Spanisb Commonwealth.

Spaniards freely admit that the Britisb Commonwealth is the model of what they would like to achieve, and to this end they have greatly improved their commercial links witb Latin America.

Spain is now one of tbe biggest investors in countries like Argentina and Venezuela, and in international ecooomic organizations it has systematically been making common cause with the Latin Americans.

One major move towards encouraging a greater sense of worldwide brotherhood among the Spanish-speaking peoples, who now number over 200 million and are increasing at a remarkably rapid rate, was the recent Latin American tour of King Juan Carlos.

In Mexico, Peru and Argentina, the king and his queen were warmly welcomed and there was a rich feast of rhetoric about the Hispanic beritage.

In May 1976 the king went to the Dominican Republic — Columbus's first landfall on his 1492 voyage to the New World — and later the same year visited Colombia. Last year he made a tour of Venezuela and the small countries of Central America, which are babitually grateful for any attention from the outside world, and are receptive to talk about their spiritual oneness with Spain.

Although Spain has still not completely found itself again after emerging from tbe 40 years in the straitjacket of Gen. Franco's ultra-right-wing dictatorship, it is beginning to play a more energetic role in the world.

Because of the economic progress of the last few decades, it is in a position to offer other countries much more than memories of the past, and Spanish participation in development projects in Latin America is growing apace. But its real cards are a common language and culture.

Relations between Spain and its former colonies festered and declined as a result of the fierce-fought wars of independence of the early 19th century.

The liberation struggle was led by men who got their inspiration from the secular, liberal, and sometimes revolutionary trends that were overturning tbe old European world in tbe wake of the French Revolution, and they looked upon Spain as a reactionary, obscurantist backwater.

The most significant influences on Latin American thought since the huge region broke away from Spain have come from France, Great Britain, and the United States, with United States influence growing since World War II and that of the European countries waning.

While Spain looked as though it would make a comeback in the years before and after World War I, when it was enjoying a cultural renaissance, this bope was pulversized by the victory of the Nationalists in the Spanish Civil War.

Since then Spanish cultural or political influence has been restricted to authoritarian, right-wing, Roman Catholic groups representing small minorities.

For Spain's place in Latin American imaginations has also been harmed by the widespread desire to exalt local pre-Columbian roots. This tendency is strongest in the two countries where the pre-Columbian cultures were richest, Mexico and Peru. — (OFNS)

saudi press review

"Okaz" dealt witb the situatioo in the Horn of Africa "in view of the determined intervention by the Soviet Union and Cuba and the crucial importance of the region as one of the principal international waterways and Soviet intentions to bave a bridgehead there, not only for strategic purposes but also to fight and foil the nationalist aspirations of the Somalis and Eritreans fighting for liberation."

The paper supported Somali Vice-President and Defense Minister Muhammad Ali Samanter in calling for Western intervention to balt the Soviet march "since it seems impossible to let things go on as they bave done so far."

"The Soviets have their eyes on the Red Sea and having moved eastwards from Angola, they are bound to do their utmost to destabilize the situatioo in the Red Sea and establish a permanent presence there as well as in the Indian Ocean. It is strange to see the West standing idly by watching the Soviet Union penetrate vast regions of the world, — unless this is part of detente that calls on both sides to export trouble and conflicts from Europe and North America to the Third World.

"We believe that world peace and stability are indivisible and so are human rights. But we are bewildered by the eerie silence of the West in view of Soviet depredations in this part of the world."

"Al-Bilad" discussed the current conference of Eritrean liberation movements in Khartoum under the auspices of the Sodanese government

The paper said. "It is hoped that the various fronts now realize the importance of a substantial and meaningful unity to fight for the liberation of their country which had been forcibly annexed by Ethiopia.

"The importance of the conference lies in the fact that Sudan has a deep understanding of the situation and feels obliged to communicate it to the fronts.

Moreover, the military balance in the battlefield has changed in favor of the Ethiopians on account of massive Soviet support and Cuban involvement and this should be reviewed by the Eritreans during the conference. The Eritrean liberation movement should also rely on its own meager resources and unity of ranks while it discourages foreign influences and interference in its affairs.

The paper hoped that the conference "will result in the solid unity that the Eritrean people look forward to in order to achieve their aspirations."

"While the situation in Iran has taken a turn for the worse with the army trying to destroy the religious centers of power and arresting opposition leaders, and the opposition sacking Bakhtiar-the premier designate, the two superpowers appear content to wait and see," according to Al-Riyadh."

The paper said it appears that Washington "is in no mood to bet on either horse just now lest the result of the race prove embarrassing in the end."

"The Soviet Union, the chief culprit in the eye of Carter, has said nothing so far. Both superpowers have chosen not to let the Iranian inferno raise the temperature of their cold war. Both may be contemplating a modus vivendi and may be in contact with the two sides in the conflict, with the aim of restricting the strife so that it does not encompass those nearby, such as Turkey."

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In third Test

England bowlers frustrate Yallop bid for huge lead

MELBOURNE, Jan. 1 (AP)— England, with the help of a few rash shots from Australia's batsmen, battled its way back into the third Test at the Melbourne Cricket Ground Monday.

At stumps on the third day it had restricted Australia's overall lead to 278, not nearly as much insurance as Australian captain Graham Yallop would have liked.

Australia, at 163 for seven and with only Alan Hurst and Jim Higgs to follow cannot expect many more runs to be added to its handy, but by no means winning, lead.

The batsmen not out are John Maclean on ten and Geoff Dymock on three.

Should England dismiss Australia quickly Tuesday morning it will have just under two days in which to score around 300 runs.

It is more than capable of doing so, despite Yallop's optimistic comment that not many sides score three hundred to win in the fourth innings of a Test match.

Ashes

For Australia, much will depend on the leg spin of Victoria's Jim Higgs if it is to get back into the Ashes' series after two defeats. Yallop said after stumps Monday that Higgs would play a decisive part in the outcome of the match.

He was likely to howl him from the southern end into a grassless spot on the pitch which has played lower and slower Monday.

England howled itself back into what is now a delicately poised match by capturing the last five Australian wickets for only 56 runs.

But at one stage England faced the prospect of a huge second innings score after Australian openers Graeme Wood and Rick Darling put on 55 for the first wicket.

It was their second fifty partnership of the match.

They were separated after Darling, trying to force the pace off spinner Geoff Miller, was caught splendidly by the diving Derek Randall at cover. Then came the rash shots.

Sweep

Wood, on 34, tried a sweep to a slower but well pitched up delivery from Ian Botham and was bowled around his legs.

A few runs later at 101, Yallop gave Bob Taylor his second catch behind the wicket in attempting to out Miller.

It was a risk yallop should not have taken with only seconds to go before tea.

Hughes, on 48, charged headlong down the pitch to Botham in an attempt to repeat a six he had taken off Miller.

His rush of blood did no justice to the fine innings he had played. He gave an easy catch to David Gower at cover.

Peter Toobey, on 20, played an equally rash shot at the end of his 32 minutes at the crease.

He tried to clout off spinner John Emburey gut of the ground but managed only to give Botham a diving catch at wide mid-on.

It was emburey's first wicket against Australia and revenge for Botham who had been hit on the right forearm by a savage pull from Toohey.

Border was magnificently run out in a nervous attempt to get off the mark.

He had swept Emburey into his pads and took off for a run as the ball trickled to Mike Hendrick at backward short leg.

Hendrick gathered the ball and threw the stumps down in one action before border could turn and ground his bat.

The England bowlers, in their typical professional way, plugged on at the stumps for most of the day.

Clearly, captain Mike Brearley was making Australia fight for its runs with quick switches between his pacemen and spinners and astute field placings.

Frustrated

This restricted the scoring and Brearley was rewarded with wickets after the Australians' frustrated attempts to score.

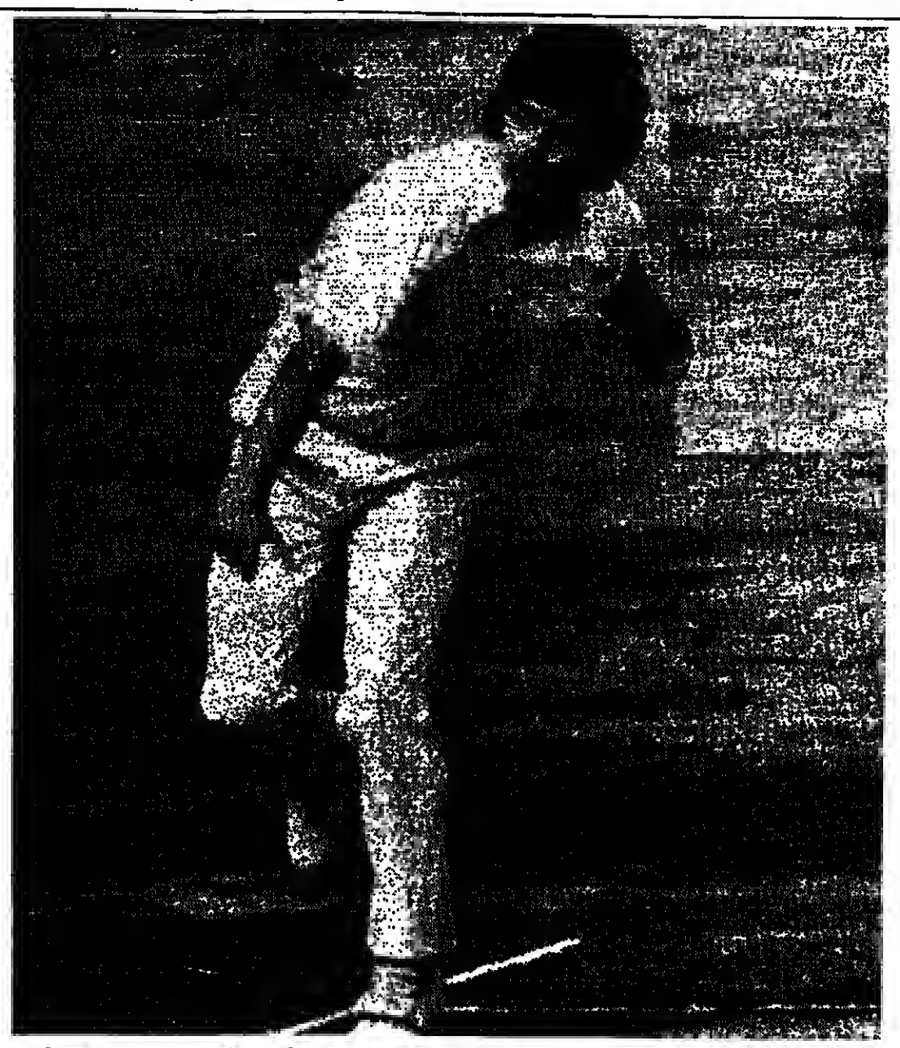
Botham finished with the best figures of 3-41 and was well supported by Miller who picked up 2-39.

Hendrick was economical in his eleven overs (0-23) and Emburey tied up one end for 19 overs which included 11 maidens. He took 1-29.

England resumed Monday morning at 107 for eight. Its last two wickets added a valuable 42 runs. 19 of which went to fast bowler Bob Willis.

Yallop said he was looking for somewhere in excess of 300. He said he would think about declaring if his batsmen were to score around 200.

The weather bureau has forecast thundery showers overnight clearing to a fine and mild day Tuesday.



OFF-SPINNER: England off-spinner Geoff Miller, who ended the day with two for 39.

Frenchman beats favorite in Brazil annual footrace

SAO PAOLO, Jan. 1 (AP) France's Rhadouane Bouster upset favorite Domingo Tibaduiza from Colombia to win the men's division of the 8,900-meter international St. Silvestre footrace Monday.

Bouster ran most of the race in fifth place but sprinted past Rik Schoofs of Belgium just 50 meters short of the finish line. Schoofs was second and Tibaduiza finished third.

Dana Slater, the pre-race favorite from New York, won the women's division.

St. Silvestre is the most important annual race in Latin America and attracted the best of the continent as well as many of the top runners from Europe and the United States. Some 661 runners entered.

Every year just before midnight on New Year's Eve, runners attack the tough course which winds through the streets of Sao Paolo.

Finland's Martti Vainio took over the early lead, but after 10 minutes Franco Fava of Italy caught up. The two ran shoulder to shoulder until Vainio fell. When he got back to his feet he was back in sixth place.

Fava was not able to hold his lead and Schoofs pushed past in spite of the difficulties caused by motor cycle police accompanying the run. The police got in the way of several runners and actually hit Tibaduiza.

Schoofs maintained the lead until two-thirds through the course when Tibaduiza eased by.

Tibaduiza, favored before the race to win for the second time in a row, looked strong on the hill increasing his lead over second Schoofs. However, France's Bouster had followed the Colombian as he made his move. Bouster began a duel for second place with Schoofs that provided some of the most exciting moments of the race just as 1979 was born. Cresting the hill Bouster edged past Schoofs and took over second.

With 50 meters to go Bouster finally kicked past Schoofs and over the finish line.

In 2 hours, 43 minutes

Vilas battles past ailing Roche

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan. 1 (AP) — Top-seeded Guillermo Vilas ousted a handicapped but smart-playing Tony Roche, 3-6, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 Monday to gain the semifinals of the Australian Open tennis championships.

Roche, a veteran Australian who has been suffering a stomach muscle spasm for a week, also battled a leg cramp. He kept the Argentine on court for two hours and 43 minutes before succumbing to Vilas' heavily topspun strokes.

Vilas now must face big-serving American Hank Pfister in Tuesday's semis. Pfister beat Australian Paul Kronk in another quarterfinal, 7-5, 6-3, 6-3.

In the other semifinal, American Arthur Ashe plays Australian John Marks. In Sunday's action, Ashe beat Peter Feigl of Austria, 4-6, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, while Marks upset sixth-seeded countryman John Alexander, 6-4, 6-3, 7-5.

Vilas and Ashe are in heavy contention to become the final qualifier for the $400,000 Grand Prix Masters tournament in New York on Jan. 10. Vilas, who has a strong points advantage toward the Masters, would appear to have a better chance at the remaining berth, but Ashe could overtake him if the Argentine does not win his semifinal.

Vilas and Roche seemed equally intimidating to each other early in their match, as both hung back from the net.

"He was hitting so deep that I couldn't come in, and he can chip so well to so many angles," a respectful Vilas said later.

Young Australian ejects Barker from tennis Open

MELBOURNE, Jan. 1 (AP) — Australia's Dianne Evers upset top-seeded Sue Barker of Britain Monday in the quarterfinals of the Australian Open. The 22-year-old Evers won 6-2 7-6.

A huge crowd packed the outside court in the shadows of the Kooyong Stadium as word spread that the young Australian had the tournament favorite on the run.

Evers, a former Melbourne secretarial student, broke serve three times to race through the first set in only 25 minutes. She appeared headed for an effortless victory when she was serving for the match leading 5-3 in the second set only to falter and let Barker force a tie breaker.

Barker, who sacrificed Christmas at home in her pursuit of the elusive Australian Open women's title, looked set to level the match when she held two set points at 6-4 in the tie breaker. But the Australian, urged on by the crowd, scored four winners to clinch the match.

Lack of practice caught up with Barker. She has had only a few hours' practice since the Federation Cup in Melbourne early in December as she has been recovering from a back injury.

In a sensational quarterfinal day, second-seeded Czech star Renata Tomanova was beaten 6-4, 6-4 by tenacious American Betsy Nagelsen.

The Australian womens championship attracted the weakest field for big names this year with only $35,000 offered to the women against $300,000 for the men.

Europe soccer roundup

LONDON, Jan. 1 (Agencies) — Results and standings after weekend games in European soccer First Divisions.

West Germany

Darmstadt 98 beat VFL Mochum, 3-1, in Bonn in a home game which was postponed earlier this month because of bad weather. In another replayed game Arminia Bielefeld beat Borussia Dortmund, 4-3.

West German League and cup soccer resumes in five weeks time after the winter pause.

Standings:

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts.
1. FC Kaiserslautern	17	10	6	1	36	20	26
Hamburger SV	17	11	3	3	36	13	25
VFB Stuttgart	17	10	4	3	31	18	24
Eintracht Frankfurt	17	9	2	6	27	24	20
Fortuna Duesseldorf	17	7	4	6	36	27	18
Bayern Munich	17	7	4	6	33	25	18

Spain

Real Madrid	2	Real Sociedad	1
Athletic Bilbao	2	Atletico Madrid	1
Barcelona	5	Szaragoza	0
Valencia	5	Sevilla	2
Las Palmas	3	Espanol	0
Burgos	0	Gijon	2
Santander	0	Hercules	2
Salamanca	1	Rayo Vallecano	1
Huelva	1	Celta	2

Standings:

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts.
Real Madrid	14	7	6	1	27	17	20
Sporting	14	8	2	4	22	16	18
Barcelona	14	8	7	5	31	15	17
Athletic Bilbao	14	7	3	4	26	16	17
Las Palmas	14	6	5	3	21	15	17
Valencia	14	7	3	4	19	14	17

Portugal

Barreirense	1	Porto	2
Beira-Mar	2	Braga	1
Estoril	0	Maritimo	0
Sporting	2	Varzim	0
Boavista	2	Setubal	1
Viseu	vs.	Benfica	postponed
Famalicao	vs.	Belenenses	postponed
Guimaraes	vs.	Academico	postponed

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts.
Porto	15	9	5	1	28	11	23
Benfica	14	11	0	3	31	8	22
Sporting	15	8	4	3	19	12	20
Braga	15	9	1	5	25	14	19
Varzim	15	6	5	4	17	14	17

Greece

Panathinaikos	2	Olympiakos	3
Aek	5	Panserraikos	0
Ethnikos	2	Aeis	0
Paok	4	Kastoria	2
Apollon	3	Iraklis	1
Kavala	4	OFI	0
Yannina	5	Larisa	0
Panachaiki	3	Panionios	1
Egaleo	2	Rodos	1

Rams play Cowboys, Oilers meet Steelers for conference titles

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1 (AP) — Rams' quarterback Pat Haden threw two touchdown passes and set up another score to break Minnesota's jinx over Los Angeles and lead the Rams to a 34-10 victory over the Vikings in a National Football Conference semifinal playoff game.

In Foxboro, Massachusetts Sunday, Dan Pastorini, wearing a flak jacket to protect injured ribs, passed for three second-period touchdowns including a pair to Mike Barber, as the Houston Oilers rolled over the New England Patriots, 31-14.

The victory moves the surprising Oilers into a showdown with the Steelers in Pittsburgh next Sunday for the American Football Conference championship. The Rams will meet the Dallas Cowboys Sunday for the NFC championship.

L.A.'s Haden

The 5-foot-8 Haden, who has been criticized as being too short to play quarterback in the National Football League, outshone veteran Fran Tarkenton of Minnesota. Haden, 25, threw touchdown passes of nine yards to Willie Miller and 27 yards to Ron Jessie as the favored Rams ran away with the game before a crowd of 169,000 at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Meanwhile, Pastorini picked apart the New England defense in the second period as the Oilers built a 21-0 lead. Houston widened the margin to 24-0 in the third period, withstood a New England comeback and nailed down the decision by capitalizing on a pass interception late in the game.

Scores

Minnesota	3	7	0	0	—10
Los Angeles	0	10	14	10	—34
Houston	0	21	3	7	—31
New England	0	0	7	7	—14

Stanford defeats Georgia to clinch Bluebonnet Bowl

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 1 (AP) — Stanford quarterback Steve Dils threw three touchdowns passes in a span of 4½ minutes of the third quarter Sunday night to rally the Cardinals from a 22-0 deficit to a 25-22 victory over 11th-ranked Georgia in the Bluebonnet Bowl.

Dils tossed touchdown passes of 32 and 14 yards to Ken Margerum and hit Darrin Nelson with a 19-yard touchdown strike during the third-quarter burst.

Scores

Stanford	0	0	22	3	—25
Georgia	3	12	7	0	—22

British champion moves ahead in chess tourney

HASTINGS, England, Jan. 1 (AP) — British champion Jonathan Speelman defeated Amikam Balshan of Israel in 34 moves of a fourth-round match Sunday to take a half-point lead in the Hastings International Chess congress.

Speelman, with 3 points, moved ahead of three players tied for second place after four days of play in this South Coast resort town.

Tied for second place in the Grandmasters tournament with 2.5 points were Ulf Andersson of Sweden, Istvan Csom of Hungary and John Hartston of Britain.

Larry Christiansen, 22, of the United States, scored a fine win over 42-year-old Yevgeny Vasjukov of the Soviet Union in a third-round adjourned game.

The game was resumed after five hours' play with Christiansen, playing black, having the edge. He was a pawn up and there was a four-rook ending. Vasjukov took the extra pawn but lost his pair of rooks. The pieces were whittled away and the end came when Christiansen moved his king up between two pawns after 56 moves.

In other adjourned games, Hartston defeated Peter Biyiasas of Vancouver, British Columbia, in 60 moves, and Csom beat Shaun Taulbut of Britain in 41 moves.

Saudi soccer

JEDDAH, Jan. 1 — Results of Saudi Premier Division matches played Monday:

Ittifad 3, Ittifaq 1 in Jeddah
Nasr 1, Wehda 1 in Riyadh
Nahda 0, Ahli 0 in Dammam

British soccer

LONDON, Jan. 1 (R) — Results of Monday's English League matches were:

Division One

Bolton 1 Everton 1 abandoned at half-time
WBA 3 Bristol C. 1

Division Two

Port Vale 1 Huddersfield 0

All other scheduled English and Scottish League matches were postponed because of frost and snow.

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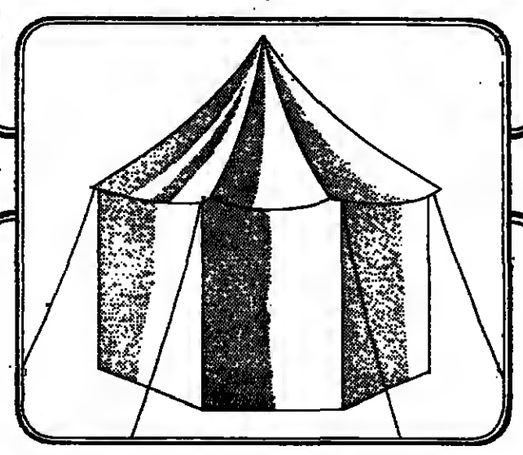

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'End squalor and degradation', says Kenya panel

Conference calls for housing action

Special to "Arab News"

NAIROBI — The time to put an end to the dreadful conditions of squalor and degradation under which millions of peoples all over the world live is long overdue, Cesar Quintana, administrator of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation (UNHHSF) has said.

Quintana was speaking at the opening of the first of a worldwide series of regional conferences on human settlement management and finance held in Nairobi recently.

Focus

The conference focused on the problems of management and finance in the continent with the aim of finding new ways of tackling the problem of Africa's homeless and shanty dwellers.

Among the 27 participating countries were the Afro-Arab countries. Egypt was among the countries elected vice chairmen.

The new United Nations Center for Human Settlements (Habitat), Quintana said, is an instrument with very great possibilities for concrete action but it could only be realized through the help, commitment and advice of governments.

"The significance of the improvement of human settlements in total nation building has not yet been realized. Too many governments give low priority to the problems and attempted unilateral and sporadic solutions," he said.

The greatest need within human settlements, he said, apart from development of coherent policies was for proper financing and management. Other aspects of fundamental importance were the need for mechanisms for subsidies, legislation, access to the housing market in poor neighborhoods, and control of land speculation.

The conference was opened by Dr. J.G. Kiano, Kenya's minister for water development, who was named chairman.

Kenya, the minister said, fully realized that the provision of basic shelter was becoming a complex and difficult problem for developing nations with limited resources whose populations were increasing at a high rate. Decent shelter for every family was an indispensable prerequisite for healthy and happy life.

"Decent housing in which to bring up one's family, and to provide healthy accommodation must always be an integral and ever present part of national development," said Dr. Kiano.

Also speaking at the opening session was H. Van Putten of the International Union of Local Authorities who outlined his organization's support for the U.N. human settlement activities in 70 countries.

"Financing shelter for low income people" is a major aspect of the program of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), said Peter Kimm, director of the office of housing of the USAID. "Human settlement problems are one of the major problems of mankind, next to those of nuclear armaments and war and peace problems", said Kimm.

As background for the discussions the participants considered the following problems: accelerated population and urban growth are the two great phenomena of our times. Africa, at its present rate of growth, will double its total population in 25 years, and double its urban population in only 15 years.

Each year 2.5 million persons will leave rural Africa and arrive in urban areas looking for jobs, housing and amenities. Yet, unemployment figures remain high, and only two to four houses of recognized standard are being built annually per 1000 population whereas six to nine units are needed. Water and sanitary conditions remain critical for 60 per cent or more of the population.

Problems

The October meeting focused on the present housing and human settlement problems in many African countries due to the tremendous rural to urban migration. Africa's urban population is due to rise from 75 million in 1970 to 333 million by the 2000. At the same time vast populations in the rural areas are deprived of even the basic human settlement needs including shelter, clean water and sanitation.

After considering that between three to five out of every ten urban dwellers in Africa were living in squatter areas and without even fundamental environmental needs, the meeting called on African governments to make far reaching changes in their present processes of planning, financing, and managing of human settlements.

Changes

Some of the changes called for are:

— African governments should give greater priority to housing and human settlement problems.

— Each African government should consider the formation of a national human settlement commission which could tackle the most pressing problems in a coordinated way.

— Governments should take steps to make credit facilities much more accessible to borrowers, especially to low income groups.

— Efforts should be accelerated to establish building material industries that use local raw materials and industrial and agricultural wastes and recycled materials.

— Immediate steps should be taken to gain increased multilateral and bilateral aid to help African governments combat their human settlement problems.

— Governments should reform land distribution systems to ensure equitable access to all levels of the population.

— Governments should mobilize their people for self-help and communal labor in meeting their needs as this could immediately reduce costs of housing and infrastructure up to 25 per cent.

— The governments should cooperate with non-governmental organizations such as the African Cooperative Savings and Credit Association, trade unions and agricultural organizations to increase and make finance accessible at the local level.

— Governments should review and revise where necessary their building codes in line with realistic financial and material resources.

"If a reasonable proportion of the plans and recommendations of this meeting is followed up by governments, there is no doubt that millions of African people can be saved from the misery squalor and poverty that they now face," said A.E. Boateng of Ghana.

CONFERENCE: Delegates from 27 Afro-Arab countries at the opening session of a conference on human settlement management and finance in Nairobi.

Chinese oil, gas output up 10%

PEKING, Jan. 1 (R)—China produced 11.1 per cent more crude oil and 10 per cent more natural gas in 1978 than in the previous year, the New China News Agency reported Monday.

The agency did not give actual production figures, but informed sources in Peking last September said crude oil output in 1977 was 80 million tons.

Refined oil production increased by 8.3 per cent during the year, and half of the increase in crude oil production came from old fields, the agency said.

It said several new refineries had begun operation and a 1,600-kilometer oil pipeline had been completed, greatly improving oil transport capability, but it did not say where this was.

China's biggest oil field at Taching in the northeast maintained a high, steady output.

Tokyo summit planned for June, paper says

TOKYO, Jan. 1 (R)—The summit of leading Western industrial nations in Toyko has been informally set for June 24 and 25, the Japanese daily "Asahi" reported Monday.

The newspaper, quoting government sources, said the date of the summit would be officially fixed at a working-level preparatory meeting to be held in March.

Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira has sent invitations to the leaders of the United States, France, West Germany, Italy, Britain, Canada and the European Communities Commission to attend.

Egyptian luxuries, crops go up, says 'Al-Ahram'

CAIRO, Jan. 1 (R)—Egypt's Deputy Prime Minister Fikri Makram Ebeid has announced a series of price increases of up to 50 per cent on luxury goods and most crops, the authoritative newspaper "Al-Ahram" said Monday.

Goods to cost more included cigarettes, soft drinks, first-class railway fares, color televisions, car licences, passports and postal charges, it said.

The price of cement was going up between 35 and 50 per cent.

Growers would get more for their cotton, rice, onions and sugar cane, Ebeid said.

Iraqi minister leaves for Chad, Niger visit

BAGHDAD, Jan. 1 (R)—Dr. Issam Abed Ali, Iraq's minister of higher education and scientific research, left here Monday for a visit to Chad and Niger at the head of an official delegation....

The Iraq News Agency (INA) quoted the minister as saying before leaving that the visit was aimed at strengthening cultural, educational and scientific relations with the two countries.

He said Iraq attached great importance to the development of Third World countries, especially African states which had friendly relations with the Arabs in general and Iraq in particular.

Tentative

AP at contract accord

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (AP)—The Associated Press and the Wire Service Guild reached tentative agreement at midnight Sunday on a new two-year contract.

If ratified by the union membership, minimum top salaries for editors, reporters and photographers will rise $40 weekly, from $410 to $450 per week, over the life of the contract.

It covers more than 1,200 AP employees in the United States.

The principal items in dispute were wages, some fringe benefits and the system under which Guild members agree to have dues deducted from Guild jurisdiction.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Monday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.32	3.32	3.31
Pound Sterling	6:74	6.77	6.78
Deutche Mark	1.82 (100)	181.50	182.00
Swiss F	2.05 (100)	206.00	206.00
French F	0.79 (100)	80.00	79.75
Italian Lira (1000)	—	4.10	4.10
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	111.00	111.00
Syrian Lira (100)	—	81.00	85.50
Egyptian Pound	—	4.50	4.77
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.30	12.25
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.40	11.32
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.50	86.80
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	87.50	86.80
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.75	8.68
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	46.00	46.50
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.85	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.00	73.30
South Yemeeni Dinar	—	—	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	79.00	86.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.25
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.00
Gold kg	—	24,200	
10 Tolas bar	—	2,830	
Silver kg bar	—	660	
Japanese yen (100)	1.70	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.80.	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.14	—	—
Dutch gilder	1.68	—	—
Italian Lira (100)	0.40	—	—

Cash and transfer rates supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for currency Exchange and Commerce, Cabel St., Jeddah

SAMA rates announced Saturday in Jeddah by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
* Ministry of Communications	Date for submitting tenders for the construction of: First portion of Tait/Beni Saad (36/A) Baha-Bilad Zahran road. -Second portion of Tait, Beni Saad (36 B) Thaqif, Bilad Zahran road and —Third portion of Tait/Beni Saad (36/C) Beni Saad, Ghazayel Bilad Zahran road, extended to Feb. 18.	xx	—	Feb. 18
* " " "	Building of the first and third portions of the fly-over on Jeddah/Mecca highway inside Jeddah city, as follows: —First portion from 0+452 kms to 192+4 kms, —Third portion from 786+8 kms to 12/500 kms.	xx		Jan 20
* " " "	Buildings of two brigdes on the Riyadh/Mazahimiah road, as follows: —First near 8.997 kms on Laban valley, and —Second near 18.253 kms on Hanifa valley.	xx	—	Jan. 20

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8	ARYA KAY	A.E.T.	GENERAL	31.12/1978
12	WAKASHIGE MARU	KANOO	PLANT/STEEL	31/12/1978
18	YONG FON LU	GOSAIBI	GENERAL	31/12/1978
21	EASTERN WAVE (D.B.)	ALIREZA	BULK CEMENT	5/11/1978
27	ARIES CHIEF	KANOO	SHEEP	20/12/1978
28	SWIFT	ORRI	LIME IN BAGS	31/12/1978

2-Recent Arrivals

WAKASHIGE MARU	KANOO	PLANT/STEEL	31/12/1978
SWIFT	ORRI	LIME IN BAGS	31/12/1978
ARYA KAY	A.E.T.	GENERAL	31/12/1978

3-Vessels Expected With in 24 Hours

EASTABLICK	A.E.T.
GRANO	
NAVIGATOR	ALQURESHI
KERJA	GULF
YINGSHAN	ORRI
ALTENBURG	KANOO

4-TONNAGE DISCHARGED: 7773

5-WAITING TIME: NIL

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SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF 1ST JANUARY 1979

1-VESSELS DISCHARGING

BERTH	VESSEL	AGENT	CARGO	ARR.DATE
1A	—		—	
1	—		—	—
2	—		—	—
3	SUN CASTOR		CONSTRUCTURE MATERIALS	31/12/1978
4	MAWAN ISLAND		GENERAL	30/12/1978
5	—		—	—
6	GOOD STAR		GENERAL	29/12/1978
7	HONG KONG ISLAND		GENERAL/CONTAINERS	30/12/1978
8	—		—	—
9	—		—	—
19	ZINNIA		BAGGED CEMENT	30/12/1978
11	—		—	—
12	—		—	—
13	—		—	—
14	—		—	—
15	STALO 2		BAGGED CEMENT	29/11/1978
16	PANAMA		CONTAINERS	31/12/1978
17	—		—	—
18	ODYSSEUS		BULK CEMENT	26/12/1978
	MEDCEMENT CARRIER		BULK CEMENT	21/12/1978
19	GRENA		BULK CEMENT	31/12/1978
20	ALASKA		CHICKENS	29/12/1978
21	—		—	—
22	KANARIS		BAGGED CEMENT	28/12/1978
23	FILIPINAS SAUDI 1		ACCOMMODATION SHIP	—
35	—		—	—
36	—		—	—
38	—		—	—
39	SELENA		REEFER	30/12/1978
40	NEW STAR		SORGHUM/RICE	29/12/1978
41	PAULINA		GENERAL/TRUCKS	30/12/1978
42	CHERRY FLOWER		BARLEY	29/12/1978
43	LAURA		APPLES	28/12/1978
44	CARRILLO		BANANAS	31/12/1978

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ALPHA PROGRESS	AL GOSAIBI	RO RO	31/12/1978

2-Recent Arrivals

NEDLLOYD ROCKANJE	ALATAS	CONTAINERS	31/12/1978
THANA VAREE	A.E.T.	CONTAINERS	31/12/1978
LAURA	STAR NAV.	REEFER	31/12/1978
NEDLLOYD MARETANIA	ALATAS	GENERAL & CONTAINER	31/12/1978
LALLI	ABDULLAH	RO RO	31/12/1978
CASTLE GLORY	STAR NAV.	DURRA	31/12/1978
GREINA	ALSABAH	BULK CEMENT	31/12/1978
PANAMA	REZAYAT	GENERAL/CONTRS.	31/12/1978
CARRILLO	M.E.S.A.	BANANAS	01/01/1979
ALPHA PROGRESS	AL GOSAIBI	RO RO	01/01/1979

3-Vessels Expected With in 24 Hours

PEDRO RAMIREZ	A.E.T.	REEFER	01/01/1979
SCOPI	O.C.E.	SUGAR	01/01/1979
AJHANASSA	BARBER	GEN/CONTAINERS	01/01/1979
ADNAN	BAABOUD	DURRA	01/01/1979
CONCORDIA TADJ	ORRI	CONTAINERS/GENERAL	01/01/1979
BLUE MARLIN	ORRI	STEEL /GENERAL	01/01/1979
AXEL 'U'	A.E.T.	VEHICLES	01/01/1979
NAXOS	M.T.A.	CONTAINERS	01/01/1979
SKOTLAND	BARBER	VEHICLES	01/01/1979
COLUMBIA LAND	FAYEZ	CONTAINERS	01/01/1979
VANCOUVER FOREST	MEDCO	CONTAINERS	01/01/1979
TROLL RIVER	MEDCO	CONTAINERS	01/01/1979
EVYLENE BOLTEN	A.E.T.	VEHICLES	01/01/1979
FOSS HAVRE	FAYEZ	VEHICLES	01/01/1979

4-Tonnages Discharged: (Freight Tons) : 73,323

5-WAITING TIME: NIL

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SHARE INFORMATION

NEW YORK

Stock	Dec. 27	Dec. 28
Abbotts Labs	35	34½
Addressograph	21¼	21⅛
Aetna Life & Cas	39	38⅞
Air Products	23⅝	23⅛
Alcan Aluminium	34	33⅜
Alcoa	48	48
Alleg. Ludlum	14⅜	14⅜
Allegheny Power	15½	15½
Allied Chemical	28⅜	29
Allied Stores	21⅞	21⅜
Allis Chalmers	29⅝	29½
AMAX	48½	47⅞
Amerada Hess	29¼	28¾
Amer. Airlines	13⅝	13⅝
Amer. Brands	50⅝	50⅝
Amer. Broadcast	35⅜	34½
Amer. Can.	35⅝	35⅜
Amer. Cyanamid	25¼	25⅝
Amer. Dist. Tel.	24⅝	24⅝
Amer. Elec. Pow.	21⅝	21⅝
American Express	30	29⅞
Amer. Home Prod.	27⅞	28
Amer. Medical	33¼	32
Amer. Motors	4⅜	4⅝
Amer. Nat. Gas	39⅝	39¼
Amer. Standard	41	41⅛
Amer. Stores	31⅝	51⅝
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	60½	60⅝
Ametek	30⅜	29⅞
AMF	15⅝	15⅝
AMP	31¼	31
Ampex	14⅝	14½
Anchor Hocking	25⅝	28½
Anheuser Busch	25⅝	25⅝
Armco Steel	19⅝	19⅝
A.S.A.	24	23⅝
Asamera Oil	16	16
Asarco	15⅝	13⅝
Ashland Oil	51⅝	50
Atl. Richfield	56⅝	56½
Auto Data Pro.	30⅝	29⅝
AVC	8	7⅝
Avco	21⅝	23
Avon Products	53⅝	52⅝
Balt. Gas Elect.	24⅝	24⅝
Bangor Punta	20⅝	20⅝
Bank America	25⅝	25⅝
Bankers Tr. N.Y.	33⅝	33⅝
Barber Oil	26⅝	26⅝
Baxter Travenol	41⅞	41⅝
Beatrice Food	22⅝	23½
Becton Dickenson	32	31⅝
Bell & Howell	15⅝	15⅝
Bendix	36⅝	36
Benguet Cons 'B'	3½	3⅝
Bethlehem Steel	20	19⅞
Black & Decker	17⅝	17
Boeing	73⅝	73⅝
Boise Cascade	26½	26⅝
Borden	25⅝	25⅝
Borg Warner	28⅝	28⅝
Braniff Int.	13	12⅞
Brascan 'A'	14½	14½
Bristol Myers	35½	35½
Brit. Pet. ADR	18⅝	18⅝
Brockway Glass	16⅝	16⅝
Brunswick	12⅝	12⅝
Bucyrus Erie	16⅝	15⅝
Bulova Watch	5⅝	5½
Burlington Nthn.	35⅝	35⅝
Burroughs	74⅞	73½
Campbell Soup	33½	33⅝
Canadian Pacific	20⅝	21⅝
Canal Randolph	9⅝	9⅝
Carnation	25½	25½
Carrier & General	11	11⅝
Carter Hawley	15⅝	15½
Caterpillar Tract	58⅝	58⅝
CBS	51⅝	50⅝
Celanese Corpn.	40⅝	40⅝
Central & S.W.	15⅝	15⅝
Certainteed	16⅝	16
Cessna Aircraft	18⅝	18⅝
Champion Inter	20⅝	20⅝
Chase Manhattan	25⅝	29
Chemical Bk. N.Y.	37	37⅝
Chesebrgh Pond	22⅝	22⅝
Chessie System	27⅝	26⅝
Chicago Bridge	47⅝	47⅝
Chrysler	8⅝	8⅝
Cinc. Milacron	31⅝	31⅝
Citicorp	23⅝	23½
Cities Service	53⅝	53⅝
City Investing	13⅝	13⅝
Cleveland Cliffs	26½	26½
Coca Cola	44	43⅝
Colgate Palm.	16⅝	16⅝
Collins Aikman	8¼	0⅝
Columbia Gas	25⅝	25⅝
Columbia Pictures	22⅝	22⅝
Com. Ins. Co. of Am.	16⅝	16⅝
Combustion Eng.	33⅝	34½
Combustion Eq.	10	0⅝
C'm'n'th Edison	25⅝	25⅝
Comm. Satellite	39½	39⅝
Computer Science	11	10⅝
Conn. Life Ins.	35⅝	35½
Conrac	14	14
Con. Edison N.Y.	23⅝	23⅝
Consol. Foods	22⅝	23⅝
Consol. Nat. Gas	37⅝	37⅝
Consumer Power	22½	22½
Continental Grp.	26½	26½
Continental Oil	27⅝	28
Continental Tele.	14½	14½
Control Data	34⅝	33⅞
Cooper Indus.	49⅝	49⅝
Corning Glass	53½	53½
CPC International	49⅝	49⅝
Crane	23⅝	24
Crocker Nat.	24⅝	24½
Crown Zellerbach	30⅝	30⅝
Cummins Engine	33⅝	33½
Curtiss Wright	12⅝	12⅝
Dana	25½	29¼
Dart Industries	39	39⅝
Deere	35	34⅝
Del Monte	43½	43½
Deltona	9½	9⅝
Dentsply Inter.	15⅝	15½
Detroit Edison	13½	13½
Diamond Shamrk.	19⅝	19½
Dictaphone	26⅝	26⅝
Digital Equip.	52⅝	53⅝
Disney (Walt)	39⅝	40
Dover Corpn.	42⅝	42
Dow Chemical	25⅝	25⅝
Dravo	25	28⅝
Dresser	37⅝	37⅝
Dupont	127½	127⅝
Eagle Pitcher	21⅝	21⅝
East Airlines	8⅝	8⅝
Eastman Kodak	60⅝	60⅝
Eaton	35⅝	34⅝
E. G. & G.	28⅝	27⅝
El Paso Nat. Gas	15⅝	15⅝
Eltra	27⅝	27⅝
Emerson Electric	36	35½
Emery Air Freight	18⅝	18⅝
Emhart	36⅝	36
E.M.I.	2⅝	2⅝
Engelhard	28	28⅝
Esmark	24	23⅝
Ethyl	21½	21⅝
Exxon	49⅝	49
Fairchild Camera	28⅝	28⅝
Fed. Dept. Stores	31½	31½
Firestone Tire	12⅝	12⅝
First Nat. Boston	37	37⅝
Flexi Van	15⅝	15½
Flintkote	28½	28
Florida Power	31	30⅝
Fluor	33½	33⅝
F.M.C.	23⅝	23⅝
Ford Motor	41⅝	41⅝
Foremost Mck.	19⅝	18⅝
Foxboro	31⅝	32⅝
Franklin Mint	5½	5⅝
Freeport Mineral	32⅝	31⅝
Fruehauf	26½	26½
Fuqua Industries	0⅝	8⅝
G.A.F.	11⅝	11⅝
Gannett	41⅝	41⅝
Gen. Amer. Int.	10⅝	10¼
G.A.T.A.	23⅝	23⅝
Gen. Cable	14⅝	14
Gen. Dynamics	79½	78⅝
Gen. Electrics	47⅝	47⅝
General Foods	32⅝	32
General Mills	29⅝	29⅝
General Motors	54⅝	54⅝
Gen. Pub. Util.	17½	17⅝
Gen. Signal	26	27
Gen. Tel. Elect.	28⅝	28⅝
Gen. Tyre	24⅝	24⅝
Genesco	3⅝	3⅝
Georgia Pacific	24½	24½
Geosource	28⅝	27⅝
Getty Oil	38⅝	38
Gillette	25½	25⅝
Goodrich B. F.	17⅝	17⅝
Goodyear Tire	16⅝	16⅝
Gould	26⅝	26⅝
Grace W. R.	26⅝	26
Gt. Atlan. Pac. Tea	6½	5⅝
Grt. North. Iron	21⅝	22⅝
Greyhound	11⅝	11⅝
Gulf & Western	14⅝	14
Gulf Oil	24⅝	24
Haliburton	67⅝	66⅝
Hanna Mining	30	30⅝
Harnischfeger	16½	15⅝
Harris Corpn.	28⅝	25
Heinz H. J.	39⅝	39½
Heublein	28⅝	28½
Hewlett Packard	90	89⅝
Holiday Inns	17½	17⅝
Homestake	30⅝	30½
Honeywell	71⅝	70⅝
Hoover	11⅝	11⅝
Hosp. Corp. Amer.	30⅝	31
Houston Nat. Gas	21⅝	21⅝
Hunt (Ph.A) Chm.	11⅝	11⅝
Hutton (E. F.)	15⅝	15⅝
I.C. Industries	24½	24
INA	39⅝	38
Ingersoll Rand	48⅝	40⅝
Inland Steel	35⅝	35⅝
Insilco	11⅝	11⅝
IBM	302.37	304
Intl. Flavours	23⅝	23⅝
Intl. Harvester	35⅝	35⅝
Intl. Min. & Chem.	35⅝	35⅝
Intl. Multifoods	18	18
Inco	15⅝	15⅝
Intl. Paper	36⅝	36½
Int. Rectifier	11⅝	11⅝
Int. Tel. & Tel.	27	27⅝
Iowa Beef	41⅝	40⅝
IU International	10⅝	10⅝
Jim Walter	26⅝	26⅝
Johns Manville	23	22⅝
Johnson Johnson	75⅝	74⅝
Johnson Control	24⅝	25⅝
Joy Manufacturing	28⅝	27⅝
K. Mart Corp.	23¼	22⅝
Kaiser Aluminium	17⅝	17⅝
Kaiser Industries	2	2
Kaiser Steel	19⅝	18⅝
Kay	11⅝	11⅝
Kennecott	20	19⅝
Kerr McGee	47½	47⅝
Kidde Walter	29⅝	28⅝
Kimberley Clark	40⅝	40⅝
Koppers	20⅝	20
Kraft	45⅝	44⅝
Kroger Co.	34	34
Leaseway Trans.	31	31
Levi Strauss	35⅝	35⅝
Libby Ow. Food	24⅝	24
Ligget Group	36⅝	56⅝
Lilly (Ely)	48⅝	47⅝
Litton Industries	20⅝	10⅝
Lockheed Aircraft	19⅝	19½
Lone Star Indus.	21⅝	21⅝
Long Island Ltd.	17⅝	17⅝
Louisiana Land	22	22
Lubrizol	46½	45½
Lucky Stores	14⅝	14⅝
Lykes Corpn.	8⅝	8⅝
MacMillan	10⅝	10
Macy R. H.	35½	35⅝
Mfrs. Hanover	33⅝	32½
Mapco	29⅝	29⅝
Marathon Oil	55⅝	54⅝
Marine Midland	15	15
Marshall Field	16	15⅝
May Dept. Stores	23⅝	23½
MCA	41½	41½
McDermott	21⅝	21⅝
McDonnell Doug.	33	32⅝
McGraw Hill	24	24⅝
Memorex	29½	29⅝
Merck	68	67⅝
Merrill Lynch	16⅝	15⅝
Mesa Petroleum	33⅝	32⅝
MGM	39½	41½
Minn Mlng & Mtg.	63⅝	62⅝
Mobil Corp.	68⅝	68⅝
Monsanto	47½	47
Morgan J. P.	45⅝	45⅝
Motorola	39⅝	39⅝
Murphy Oil	46⅝	44
Nabisco	24⅝	25
Nalco Chemical	37¼	36⅝
National Can.	10⅝	10⅝
Nat. Distillers	10	18½
Nat. Service Ind.	14½	14⅝
National Steel	25⅝	29⅝
Natomas	41⅝	41⅝
NCR	62⅝	61
Neptune Imp.	22⅝	24⅝
New England El.	21⅝	21⅝
New England Tel.	34⅝	34½
Niagara Mohawk	14	14
Niagara Share	10⅝	10⅝
NL Industries	28½	28½
Norfolk & Western	22	22
North Nat. Gas	35⅝	34⅝
Nthn. States Power	24½	24⅝
Nthwest Airlines	27⅝	27⅝
Nthwest Bancorp	25⅝	25⅝
Norton Simon	16⅝	16⅝
Occidental Petrol	16½	16⅝
Ogilvy Mather	28	20
Ohio Edison	15	15
Olin	10	18⅝
Overseas Ships	22⅝	22⅝
Owens Corning	26½	25⅝
Owens Illinois	17⅝	17⅝
Pacific Gas	21⅝	22⅝
Pacific Lighting	21⅝	21⅝
Pac. Pwr. & Lt.	19⅝	20
PanAm World Air	7	6⅝
Parker Hannifin	24⅝	24½
Peabody Int.	23⅝	22⅝
Penn. Pwr. & Lt.	19⅝	19⅝
Penny J. C.	30⅝	30⅝
Pennzoil	31	31
Peoples Drug	10⅝	10⅝
Peoples Gas	33⅝	33⅝
Pepsico	25½	25⅝
Perkin Elmer	27⅝	27⅝
Pfizer	33¼	32
Phelps Dodge	20⅝	21⅝
Philadelphia Ele.	15⅝	15½
Philip Morris	71⅝	71⅝
Phillips Petroleum	51⅝	31⅝
Pillsbury	37½	36⅝
Pitney Bowes	23	23⅝
Pittston	17⅝	17½
Plessey Ltd ADR	21½	21
Polaroid	51½	51⅝
Potomac Elec.	13⅝	13⅝
PPG Industries	23⅝	23⅝
Procter Gamble	88⅝	88⅝
Pub. Serve Elect.	20⅝	20⅝
Pullman	35	34⅝
Purex	15½	15⅝
Quaker Oats	23⅝	23⅝
Rapid American	14⅝	13⅝
Raytheon	47	46½
RCA	26⅝	26⅝
Republic Steel	23	23
Resorts Intl. 'A'	26⅝	25⅝
Revlon	51½	50⅝
Reynolds Metals	33⅝	32⅝
Reynolds R. J.	57⅝	56⅝
Richardson Merrell	23×	23⅝
Rockwell Inter.	34⅝	34⅝
Rohm & Haas	32⅝	32½
Royal Dutch	60⅝	60⅝
RTE	10½	10
Russ Togs	10	9⅝
Ryder System	24½	24⅝
Safeway Stores	40	40
St. Joe Minerals	23	22⅝
St. Regis Paper	28	28
Santa Fe Inds.	30⅝	30⅝
Saul Invest.	6⅝	6½
Saxon Inds.	4⅝	4⅝
Schlitz Brewing	9⅝	10
Schlumberger	94⅝	94½
SCM	17⅝	16⅝
Scott Paper	14	14
Scovil Mfg.	18⅝	10
Scudder Duovest	7⅝	7⅝
Sea Containers	21⅝	20⅝
Seagram	27⅝	28
Searle (G. D.)	12⅝	12⅝
Sears Roebuck	20⅝	28
SEDCO	30⅝	29⅝
Shell Oil	32⅝	32⅝
Shell Transport	46⅝	45⅝
Signal	20½	20⅝
Signode Corp.	30⅝	29½
Simplicity Pat.	10	9½
Singer	13⅝	13⅝
Smith Inter	46⅝	46⅝
Smith Kline	92⅝	91½
Sollitron	4½	4
Southdown	32⅝	33⅝
Southern Cal. Ed.	26½	26⅝
Southern Co.	13½	13⅝
Southern Nat. Res.	32⅝	32⅝
Southern Pacific	26	25⅝
Southern Railway	47⅝	46⅝
Southland	26½	26⅝
S'w't Bankshares	24⅝	24½
Sperry Hutch.	15	14⅝
Sperry Rand	44⅝	44⅝
Squib	28⅝	27⅝
Standard Brands	23⅝	23⅝
Std. Oil California	47⅝	46⅝
Std. Oil Indiana	57⅝	56⅝
Std. Oil Ohio	42⅝	42⅝
Stauff Chemical	38⅝	38½
Sterling Drug	16⅝	15⅝
Studebaker	28½	28½
Sun Co.	42⅝	43⅝
Sundstrand	21	21
Syntex	34⅝	34⅝
Technicolor	10	9⅝
Tektronix	47⅝	47⅝
Teledyne	98⅝	98⅝
Telex	5½	5⅝
Tenneco	30⅝	30⅝
Tesoro Petroleum	8	8
Texaco	24⅝	24
Texasgulf	18½	18½
Texas Eastern	35	34⅝
Texas Instrm.	82⅝	80⅝
Texas Oil & Gas	32⅝	32⅝
Texas Utilities	18⅝	19
Time Inc.	42⅝	41⅝
Times Mirror	29⅝	29⅝
Timken	48	49⅝
Trane	39⅝	39
Transamerica	16⅝	16
Transco	20⅝	20⅝
Trans Union	29⅝	29⅝
Tran-way Intr'n.	21⅝	21⅝
Trans World Air	18⅝	17⅝
Travellers	33⅝	33⅝
Tri Continental	17⅝	17⅝
Triton Oil & Gas	5⅝	5⅝
T.R.W.	37⅝	37
20th Century Fox	30⅝	30⅝
U.A.L.	29⅝	29⅝
UARCO	50	50⅝
UGI	16⅝	16⅝
Unilever	30	42
Unilever NV	60⅝	59⅝
Union Bancorp	28	28⅝
Union Carbide	33⅝	33⅝
Union Commerce	0⅝	8½
Union Oil California	56⅝	56⅝
Union Pacific	53	52⅝
Uniroyal	5½	5½
United Brands	8⅝	8⅝
US Bancorp	37½	27½
US Gypsum	27⅝	26½
US Shoe	21⅝	21⅝
US Steel	21⅝	21⅝
US Technologies	38⅝	38⅝
UV Industries	23⅝	23⅝
Virginia Elect.	14	13⅝
Walgreen	25⅝	25⅝
Wallace Murray	20	19
Warner-Commn.	47⅝	46⅝
Warner Lambert	24	23⅝
Waste-Man'ment	27⅝	27⅝
Wells-Fargo	26½	37⅝
Western Bancorp	24⅝	24⅝
Western N. Amer.	23½	23⅝
Western Union	15⅝	15
Westinghouse Elect.	16⅝	16⅝
Weyerhaeuser	25½	25
Whirlpool	18⅝	18⅝
White Con. Ind.	16⅝	16⅝
William Co.	14⅝	15
Wisconsin Elect.	25⅝	25⅝
Woolworth	19⅝	19⅝
Wyly	3⅝	3⅝
Xerox	53⅝	53⅝
Zapata	11⅝	11⅝
Zenith Radio	12⅝	12⅝
US Treas. 4% 1980	93 13/16	93 15/10
US Treas. 4½% 75/85	78⅝	78⅝
US 90 Day Bills	9.14%	9.18%

أسعار الاسهم في البورصات الدولية الرئيسية
INTERNATIONAL STOCK EXCHANGES

GERMANY المانيا الغربية

	Closing Dec. 28	Closing Dec. 29
	Price Dm.	
AEG	76.6	76.6
Allianz Versich	499.0	499.0
BMW	223.0	223.0
BASF	134.0	134.0
Bayer	133.1	133.1
Bayer. Hypo.	299xr	299xr
Bayer. Vereinsbk.	312.0	513.0
Ciba Int. Ned. wrts	147	147
Commerzbank	223.0	223.0
Cont. Gummi	64.5	64.5
Daimler Benz	317.5	517.5
Degussa	250.0	250.0
Demag	169.0	169.0
Deutsche Bank	302.0	302.0
Dresdner Bank	243.8	243.8
Dyckerhoff Zemt.	179.0	101.0
Gutehoffnung	231.5xr	321.5xr
Hapag Lloyd	99.0	99.0
Harpener	158.5	155.0
Hoechst	132.7	132.7
Hoesch	49.0	49.0
Horten	151.0	150.0
Kali und Salz	137.5	137.5
Karstadt	323.0	323.0
Kaufhof	243.0	243.8
Klockner DM100	90.5	90.5
KHD	193.5	193.5
Krupp	103.0	103.0
Linde	287.3	287.3
Lowenbrau 100	1,575	1,575
Lufthansa	99.0	99.0
MAN	228.0	228.0
Mannesmann	176.3	176.3
Metallgesellschaft	251.0	251.0
Munchener Ruck.	675.0	675.0
Neckermann	156.5	156.5
Preussag DM100	143.5	143.0
Rhein West Elect.	182.0	182.0
Schering	259.0	259.0
Siemens	284.5	283.1
Sud Zucker	253.0	253.0
Thyssen A.G.	118.5	118.5
Varta	180.0	180.0
VEBA	128.2	128.3
Vereins & West Bank	295	296
Volkswagen	237.0	237.0

TOKYO طوكيو

	Closing Dec. 26	Closing Dec. 28
	Prices Yen	
Akai Trading	412	465
Asahi Elec.-Chem.	169	171
Asahi Glass	358	358
Bank of Tokyo	195	200
Banyu Pharm.	805	804
Bridgestone Tire	529	527
Canon	481	485
Chiyoda	695	690
Chubu Power	1260	1270
Citizen Watch	472	470
Daiichi Kangyo Bank	274	275
Dai Nippon Printing	575	580
Dai Nippon Tokyo	197	190
Ebara Manufac.	480	479
Fuji Bank	288	295
Fuji Photo Film	665	668
Fuji Spinning	160	164
Fujitsu	424	433
Hitachi	265	265
Honda Motor	481	480
IHI	106	110
Itoh	244	242
J.A.L.	2800	2810
Kajima	366	367
Kansai Power	1190	1200
Kao	679	673
Kawasaki Steel	135	135
Kirin Brewery	470	473
Komatsu	372	374
Kubota	290	293
Matsushita Inds.	711	723
Matsushita Works	590	592
Mitsubishi Bank	285	290
Mitsubishi Chemical	155	157
Mitsubishi Electric	193	194
Mitsubishi Estate	388	387
Mitsubishi Heavy	126	130
Mitsubishi Corp.	416	416
Mitsui Co.	298	291
Mitsui Estate	657	657
Mitsui Smelting	99	181
Mitsukoshi	576	565
Mitsumi Electric	565	570
Niceme	285	287
Nippon Electric	297	300
Nippon Fire Insur.	263	263
Nippon Light Metal	126	128
Nippon Mus.	895	895
Nippon Oil	625	618
Nippon Securities	369	384
Nippon Sheet Glass	274	266
Nippon Steel	137	138
Nippon Toki	377	390
Nippon Yusen	244	243
Nissan Motor	686	705
Nomura Securities	490	492
Olympus	743	749
Ricoh	606	604
Sharp	465	466
Shiseido	1170	1180
Sony	1670	1680
Sumitomo Bank	283	290
Sumitomo Cement	235	240
Sumitomo Chem.	125	137
Sumitomo Marine	248	246
Sumitomo Metal	129	130
Taisei	234	239
Taisho	240	241
Takeda	525	526
Teijin	140	142
Toho Rayon	290	290
Tokyo Gas	135	135
Tokyo Marine	505	507
Tokyo Power	1080	1160
Toppan	503	506
Toray Indus.	182	185
Toshiba	154	156
Toyo Kogyo	375	375
Toyota	888	881
Yamaha	247	243
Yasuaichi	295	294

AMSTERDAM

	Closing Dec. 28	Closing Dec. 25
	Price Fls.	
Ahold (Fl.20)	115.0	114.5
Akzo (Fl.20)	28.6	28.5
Algem Bank (Fl.100)	340.5	340.5
AMEV (Fl.10)	89.8	89.5
Amrobank (Fl.20)	75.2	74.8
Bijenkorf	86.0	85.5
Boko West'm (Fl.20)	116.8	116.7
Bols	71.5	71.5
Buhrm Tetterode	71.4	71.8
Elsevier (Fl.20)	285.0	282.0
Ennia NV Bearer	139.5	139.0
EuroComTst (Fl.10)	70.4	70.4
Gist Brocades (Fl.10)	37.3	37.4
Heineken (Fl.25)	95.6	94.8
Hoogovens (Fl.20)	34.0	34.9
Hunter D. (Fl.100)	22.4	22.5
K.L.M. (Fl.100)	117.5	119.0
Int. Muller (Fl.20)	46.5	47.0
Nat.Ned Ins. (Fl.10)	110.0	110.4
Nat Cred Bank (Fl.20)	56.3	56.5
Ned Mid Bank (Fl.50)	199.0	199.5
Oce (Fl.20)	164.2	166.5
Ogem (Fl. 10)	30.4	30.0
Van Ommeren	148.0	148.0
Pakhoed (Fl.20)	47.2	47.0
Philips (Fl.10)	24.3	24.2
Rijn Sch Ver (Fl.100)	57.0	56.0
Robeco (Fl.50)	163.0	163.5
Rolinco (Fl.50)	125.0	125.5
Rorento (Fl.50)	122.5	122.5
Royal Dutch (Fl.20)	119.8	119.0
Slavenburg	239.0	239.0
Tokyo Pac. Hlds.	124.0	124.0
Unilever (Fl.20)	120.2	121.2
Viking Res. Int.	39.7	38.7
Westlung Utr. Bank	408.5	413.0

SINGAPORE سنغافورة

	Closing Dec. 25	Closing Dec. 28
	Price Dollars	
Industrials:		
Boustead Holdings	227xd	200xd
Boustead Co.	170xd	177xd
Cold Storage Hldgs	212	215
Cycle & Carriage	510	515
Esso Ord.	380	382
Fraser & Neave	496	492
Gelanese	488	490
Harper Gilfillan	290	UNQ
Haw Par Bros.	157	155
Inchcape	153xd	154xd
Malayan Breweries	600	600
Malayan Tobacco	402	400xd
National Iron	585	585
N.S. Timbers	149	150
Paper Products	UNQ	145/152
Rothmans	275	274
Sime Darby Hdgs	299	298
Straits Steamship	249	248
Straits Times Press	750/760	750
Straits Trading Co.	585	560
Times Publishing	384	382
Tractors Malaysia	480	480
United Engineers	134	134
William Jacks Co.	135	133/138
Finance:		
DBS	400	408
Hong Leong	340	344
Malayan Banking	605	605
OCBC	775	775
UOB	316	318
Hotels:		
Faber Merlin	92½	93
Goodwood Park	450	450
Properties:		
Central Properties	164	165
City Developments	103	105
Utd Overseas Land	134	135
Island Pen. Dev	296	296
Singapore Land	163	160xa
Palm Oils:		
United Plantations	225	UNQ
Minings:		
Berjuntai Tin	650/675	645
Kampong Lanjut	UNQ	UNQ
Pahang Cons.	132xd	131xd
Selangor Dredging	UNQ	380
Rubbers:		
Batu Lintang Rubber	182	180
Dunlop Estates	358	350
Kempas (Malaya)	392	390/394
K.L. Kepong	225	221
Kulim Malaysia	143xd	143xd
Highlands & Lowlands	344	344
Consol. Plantations	163	164

SPAIN اسبانيا

	Closing Dec. 29	Closing Dec. 28
	Price Ptas.	
Asland	123	118
Banco Bilbao	286	286
Banco Atlantico (1,000)	243	243
Banco Central	286	286
Banco Exterior	280	276
Banco General	237	237
Banco Granada (1,000)	143	143
Banco Hispano	231	211
Banco Ind. Cat. (1,000)	165	165
B. Ind. Mediterraneo	187	187
Banco Popular	226	226
Banco Santander (250)	327	327
Banco Urquijo (1,000)	258	258
Banco Vizcaya	231	227
Banco Zaragozano	232	230
Bankunion	147	144
Banco Andalucia	167	167
Babcock & Wilcox	25	25
CIC	185	185
Dragados	170	167
E. I. Aragonesas	33	33.50
Espanola Zinc	99	99
Expl. Rio Tinto	51.50	51
Fecsa (1,000)	62.50	61
Fenosa (1,000)	57	57
Gal. Preciados	43	40
Grupo Velazquez (400)	166	165
Hidrola	63	61.50
Iberduero	66.50	64
Inmobanif	73	69
Olarra	71	70
Papeleras Reunidas	40	41
Petroliber	112	112
Petroleos	149	149
Sarrio Papelera	39	39
Sniace	48.50	48.50
Sogefisa	127	127
Telefonica	72	69
Torras Hostench	75	71
Tubacex	64	70
Union Elec.	65.75	63.25

COPENHAGEN كوبنهاغن

	Closing Dec. 28	Closing Dec. 27
	Price Kroner	
Andelsbanken	140	140
Danske Bank	123½	123½
East Asiat Co.	133½	136¼
Finansbanken	134½	134
Bryggerier	327½xd	328xd
For. Papir	77½	77½
Handelsbank	125	125
G.N'th'n H.(Kr90)	286⅝	286½
Nord Kabel	174½	175⅝
Novo Industri B.	215½	217
Oliefabrik	110	119
Privatbank	131	130⅝
Provinsbank	137	136⅝
Soph. Berendsen	367½	368⅝
Superfos	164⅝	166

SWITZERLAND سويسرا

	Closing Dec. 29	Closing Dec. 28
	Price Frs.	
Aluminium	1145	1145
BBC 'A'	1670	1670
Ciba Geigy (Fr.100)	1130	1130
Ciba Geigy Part.Cert.	865	865
Ciba Geigy Reg.	643	643
Credit Suisse	2195	2195
Electrowatt	1800	1800
Fischer (George)	560	560
Hoffman Part. Cert.	67250	67250
Hoffman (Small)	6750	6750
Interfood B.	3880	3880
Jelmoli (Fr.100)	1420	1420
Nestle (Fr.100)	3120	3120
Nestle Reg.	2295	2295
Oerlikon B. (Fr.250)	2560	2560
Pirelli SIP (Fr.100)	275	275
Sandoz (Fr.250)	3760	3760
Sandoz Parts Certs.	452	452
Schindler Ctx.(Fr.100)	287	287
Sulzer Ct(Fr.100)	338	338
Swissair (Fr.350)	793	793
Swiss Bank (Fr.100)	344	344
Swiss (Re. Fr.250)	4725	4725
Union Bank	3035	3035
Zurich Ins.	11425	11425

PARIS باريس

	Closing Dec. 29	Closing Dec. 28
	Price Frs.	
Corbeille		
Air Liquide	397	389.80
BSN-Gervais Danone	560	543
Bull Machines	51.10	58.50
CFP	141.90	141
CGE	400	399
CSF	384	377
Credit Foncier	466.70	482
Hachette	237	235.10
Michelin	1231	1210
Paribas	212.00	209.20
Pechiney	73.60	72.00
Peugeot Citroen	489	482
Philips	50.45	56.95
Printemps	115.10	115.20
Rhone Poulenc	110.10	117.80
Royal Dutch	254.50	254
Suez	295	295
Thomson-Brandt	240	236
Usinor	13.90	12.90
Group A		
Aquitaine	536	531
Chargeur Reunis	185.90	183
Esso	80.50	80.70
Galeries Lafayette	106	104.50
Perrier	287.90	281.50
Petrofina	452	459
Prenatal	34.00	34.20
Unilever	252	252
Union Miniere	98.90	99.80
Group B		
Carrefour	1890	1890
CCF	127.50	130
CIC	130.50	127.50
Fin un Europ	56.00	54.60
Lafarge	259	257.50
Moet-Hennessy	555	550
Nord	—	25.45
OPFI Paribas	111	122
Penarroya	36.05	36.10
Radio Technique	428	414
Saint Gobain	—	148
Group C		
Cie Bancaire	495.50	499
Gen. Occidentale	257.50	258
Imetal	54.45	55.00
Kleber Colombes	55.50	55
L'Oreal	739	725
Roussel-UCLAF	373	371
Schneider	148.20	148.90
Shell Francaise	47.20	47.80
Group D		
Beghin-Say	110	115.20
CIT-Alcatel	994	970
LMT	1160	1170
Locafrance	245	235
Lyonnaise	489	478
Norsk-Hydro	151.70	152
Pernod Ricard	314.50	317.90
Redoute a Roubaix	565	555
Cash Market		
Gale de Banque	441	442
Omnium	365	358
Shell Francaise	UNQ	UNQ

BRUSSELS بروكسل

	Closing Dec. 28	Closing Dec. 22
	Price Frs.	
Forward Market		
ACEC	413	410
Arbed	2890	2080
Asturienne	576	604
Brascan	UNQ	415
Brux-Lambert	1640	1640
Cap Pac	588	592
Cockerill	436	426
De Beers	189	189
Electrobel	6850	6750
EBES	2370	2380
GB-Inno-BM	2515	2500
Gevaert	1426	1406
Hoboken	2505	2470
Petrofina	3235	3190
Royal Dutch	1785	1815
Sidro	626	630
Soc. Gen. Belgique	2830	2805
Sofina	3340	3345
Solvay 'A'	2470	2475
Tanganyika Cons.	110	110
Union Miniere	702	700
Veille Montagne	1625	1010
Cash Market		
Assurances Gen.	7700	7600
Ford Motor	6300	6390
Soc. Gen. Banque	3200	3225

MILAN ميلانو

	Closing Dec. 28	Closing Dec. 25
	Price Lire	
ANIC	33	34
Assic. Generali	35190	34900
Bastogi	470	462
Centrale	4300	4251
Fiat	2820	2708
Finsider	136.25	134.00
IFI Pri.	2329	2290
Gen. Immobiliare	69	68.25
Italgas	753	755
Italcider	308	510
Italcementi	22910	22160
Marelli Ercole	218.50	218.00
Magneti Marelli	587	515
Mediobanca	33450	33210
Miralanza	19690	19710
Mondadori	1650	1655
Montedison	167	165.75
Olivetti Ord.	943	943
Olivetti Priv.	1120	1115
Pierrel	582	587
Pirelli & Co	1900	1830
Pirelli S.P.A.	880	877
Rinascente	55.50	55.25
Sifa	670	670
Snia Viscosa	835	808
Stet	1699	1725

NOTES: Overseas prices shown exclude $ premium. Belgian dividends are after withholding tax.
1. DM50 denom. unless otherwise stated.
2. Ptas.500 denom. unless otherwise stated.
3. Kr.100 denom. unless otherwise stated.
4. Frs.500 denom. unless otherwise stated.
5. Yen 50 denom. unless otherwise stated.
xa = Ex all. xc = Ex scrip issue. xd = Ex dividend.
xr = Ex rights. UNQ = Unquoted.
SUSP = Suspended.

اسعار بعض الاسهم المختارة من بورصة لندن
LONDON STOCKS

COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL

Stock	December 29	December 28
Allied Breweries	82½	82¾
Babcock & Wilcox	146	148
Barclays Bank	362½	364½
Beecham Group	622½	620½
BICC	125½	127½
Blue Circle	270½	269½
BOC International	65½	65½
Boots Co. Ltd.	184½	186½
Bowater Corpn.	171½	173½
B.A.T. Industries	284½	284½
Britannia Hdgs.	16½	16
Brown (John) & Co.	364	368
Cadbury Schweppes	54	54
Commercial Union	147½	148½
Courtaulds	116	116
De La Rue Co.	357½	360¾
Distillers Co.	281	203
Dunlop Holdings	65	66
EMI	137½	137½
Fisons	299½	301½
General Accident	206	208
General Electric	519¾	324½
Glaxo Holdings	505½	502½
Grand Metropolitan	112½	113¼
Gt. Univ. Stores "A"	306	308
Guardian Royal Ex.	210	210
GKN	252½	253½
Hawker Siddeley	220	222
Hoover "A"	216½	216½
House of Fraser	131½	134½
ICI	362½	363½
Imperial Group	85½	85½
Legal & General	145½	146½
Lloyds Bank	282½	282½
London Brick Co.	68¼	68¾
Lucas (Industries)	299½	301½
Metal Box Ltd	300	298
Midland Bank	352½	355½
Nat. Westminster	282½	282½
P & O	84¾	82¾
Philips	845	860
Plessey Co.	106	108
Prudential Assur.	139½	142½
Rank Organization	248	248
Reckitt & Colman	451½	453½
Reed International	151½	153½
Rio Tinto Zinc Corp.	225½	224½
Royal Insurance	359½	359½
Spillers	30½	31
Std. Ch'rt'red Bank	443½	443½
Tate & Lyle	182	186
Thorn Electrical Ind.	340	364
Tube Investments	370	376
Turner & Newall	156½	157½
UDS Group	86	87
Unilever	532	534
Vickers	190½	190½
Woolworth (F.W.)	62	62½

MINING STOCKS

Stock	December 29	December 28
Anglo-Amer. Corp.	301	301
Anglo Amer. Gold	21⅝	22
Ayer Hitam Tin	38¾	37⅝
Barlow Rand	217½	222½
Blyvooruitzicht Gold	432½	437½
Botswana	22	22½
Bracken	99½	98½
Buffels	11 11/16	11 11/16
Charter Consol.	129½	129½
Consol. Gold Fields	180½	177½
De Beers Con. Mines	395	384
Doorns	340	340
East Driefontein	510	$9⅝
Free State Geduld	19½	19½
General Mining	367½	367½
Goldfields of S.A.	16 13/16	16 13/16
Harmony	412½	422½
Harties	16¼	16⅝
Johannesburg Cons.	13½	13½
Kloof Gold Mng.	715	710
Leslie & Godwin	73	73
Libanon Gold Mng.	632½	632½
Mineral & Resources	166	166
President Brand	$11¼	$11¼
President Steyn	$9½	$9½
Rose Con. Mines 'B'	69	69
Rustenburg Platin.	94½	95
Selection Trust	442	444
St. Helena	10½	10⅝
Stilfontein	457½	472½
Tanganyika Conc.	157½	157⅝
Union Corporation	258	255
Vaal Reefs Ex. Mng.	18 7/16	18½
Welkom	340	365
West Driefontein	32¼	32¼
Western Deep	$10 13/16	$10¾
Western Holdings	22⅝	22⅝
Winkelhaak Mines	830	830
Zandpan	307½	307½
Zambia Copper Inv.	11½	11½

اسعار اسهم شركات النفط البريطانية

December 25

LONDON CLOSING OIL STOCKS

British Petroleum	916
Burmah Oil Co.	82
Charterhall Ltd	23
KCA International	33
London & Scottish Marine (Stk)	385
London & Scottish Marine (Ord)	129
Oil Exploration	214
Premier Consol. Oilfields	14
Royal Dutch Petroleum	£42.12
Shell	562½
Shell Transport	566
Tricentrol	153
Ultramar	220

المؤشر المالي الوطني للاسهم والسندات البريطانية
FINANCIAL TIMES STOCK INDICES

	Dec. 29	Dec. 28	Dec. 27	Dec. 22	Dec. 21	Dec. 28	A year ago
Government Secs.	78.69	68.66	68.66	68.67	68.55	68.49	77.93
Fixed Interest	70.23	70.22	70.22	70.37	70.31	70.33	80.60
Industrial Ordinary	470.9	472.9	478.2	479.3	478.2	478.2	490.6
Gold Mines	141.5	143.2	142.5	141.1	139.2	141.4	139.6
Gold Mines (Ex-$pm)	99.1	100.2	99.6	99.8	99.2	101.0	102.7
Ord. Div. Yield	6.13	6.10	6.03	6.02	6.03	6.02	5.65
Earnings Y'ld% (full)(*)	15.08	16.00	15.82	15.79	15.83	15.92	16.57
P/E Ratio (net)(*)	8.08	8.12	8.21	8.23	8.21	8.15	8.56
Dealings marked	2,565	2,445	1,674	1,793	3,383	3,080	3,563
Equity turnover £m	—	47.67	16.80	27.28	49.84	51.98	65.98
Equity bargains total	—	10,266	5,057	6,039	9,597	10,328	12,148

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* Based on 52 per cent corporation tax. ● Nil = 7.88.

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HIGHS AND LOWS

	1978 High	1978 Low	Since Compilation High	Since Compilation Low
Govt. Secs.	78.58	67.92	127.4	49.18
	(13/1)	(10/11)	(9/1/36)	(3/1/75)
Fixed Int.	81.27	69.30	150.4	50.33
	(9/1)	(13/11)	(28/11/47)	(3/1/75)
Ind. Ord.	535.5	433.4	549.2	49.4
	(14/9)	(2/3)	(14/9/77)	(26/6/40)
Gold Mines	206.6	124.1	442.3	43.5
	(14/8)	(25/11)	(22/5/75)	(26/10/71)
Gold Mines (Ex-$ pm)	132.3	90.3	337.1	54.3
	(14/8)	(18/4)	(3/4/74)	(25/8/76)

SE ACTIVITY

	Dec. 27	Dec. 28
— Daily		
Gilt-Edged	76.0	102.3
Industrials	55.1	80.9
Speculative	12.2	18.9
Totals	38.1	55.7
5-day Av'rage		
Gilt-Edged	92.7	90.1
Industrials	91.0	84.3
Speculative	21.6	19.2
Totals	60.7	56.3

HOLIDAY ADVISORY

The following is a closing schedule of major world financial centers during the holidays:

UNITED STATES: Stock exchanges, commodities markets and banks will be closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Also, most commodities exchanges will close at midday on Dec. 22 and Dec. 25.

CANADA: The Toronto and Montreal stock exchanges will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26, and on Jan. 1. The Winnipeg Commodity Exchange also will be closed on Dec. 26. Banks will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26 and on Jan. 1. Additionally, banks in Quebec will be closed on Jan. 2.

JAPAN: Money markets, businesses and government agencies will be closed from Dec. 30 through Jan. 3. Securities and commodities markets will be closed from Dec. 29 through Jan. 3 — there will be morning sessions only on Jan. 4.

BRITAIN: Markets, banks and businesses will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26 and on Jan. 1. Also, markets will close early on Dec. 22.

FRANCE: Markets, banks and businesses will be closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

ITALY: Markets, banks and businesses will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26 and on Jan. 1.

WEST GERMANY: Markets, banks and businesses will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26 and on Jan. 1.

BELGIUM: Markets, banks and businesses will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26 and on Jan. 1. In addition, the Brussels stock exchange will be closed on Dec. 29. Also, the offices of the European Community (EC) will close early on Dec. 22 and will remain closed until midday Jan. 2.

NETHERLANDS: Markets and businesses will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26 and on Jan. 1.

LUXEMBOURG: Markets, banks and businesses will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26 and on Jan. 1.

SWITZERLAND: The Zurich stock exchange will be closed on Dec. 25, 26 and 29 and on Jan. 1 and 2. Banks will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26 and on Jan. 1 and 2.

DENMARK: Money and commodities markets will be closed Dec. 25 and 26 and on Jan. 1.

AUSTRALIA: The Sydney stock exchange, the Sydney wool exchange and banks will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26 and on Jan. 1.

HONG KONG: Markets and banks will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26 and on Jan. 1.

SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA: Markets, banks and businesses will be closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

KARACHI: Markets will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26, but open Jan. 1.

MEXICO: Markets will close early Dec. 22 and will be closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Banks will be closed on Dec. 25 and 25 and on Jan. 1.

سوق تبادل العملات - لندن
LONDON FOREIGN EXCHANGES

December 28	Range
USA	2.0400-2.0420
Canada	2.4155-2.4175
France	8.5050-8.5250
Belgium	58.70-58.90
Italy	1689.00-1691.00
Holland	4.0150-4.0350
Switzerland	3.3000-3.3100
W. Germany	3.7125-3.7225
Sweden	8.7000-8.7200
Norway	10.2000-10.2200
Denmark	10.3500-10.3700
Austria	27.18-27.23
Portugal	93.25-93.75
Spain	142.75-142.85
Japan	396.38-397.38

DOLLAR CROSS RATES

Guilder	1.9720
Belgian Franc	28.800
Deutschemark	1.8214
Hong Kong Dollar	4.7636
French Franc	4.1695
Italian Lira	827.780
Japanese Yen	194.450
Swiss Franc	1.0193

سوق تبادل العملات - نيويورك
NEW YORK EXCHANGES OPENING

Opening Prices

STG	2.0380-2.0400
BFR CON	28.81-28.84
CAN	84.27-84.30
FFR	4.1700-4.1750
LIT	831.00-832.00
DFL	1.9720-1.9760
SFR	1.6200-1.6220
DMK	1.8200-1.8220
YEN	194.00-194.20
AUS. SCH	13.35-13.40
DKR	5.0850-5.0900
NKR	5.0100-5.0150
PORT	45.80-45.90
SKR	4.2890-4.2920
BFR FIN	29.30-29.35
SPAIN	70.20-70.30
MEXICO	22.70-22.72

Stg. one month 20-15 disc, two months 32-27 disc, three months 45-37 disc, six months 78-70 disc, twelve months 178-160 disc.

Can. one month 2-4 prem, two months 8-10 prem, three months 14-17 prem, six months 51-54 prem, twelve months 72-82 prem.

EURO-CURRENCY INTEREST RATES أسعار فوائد العملات الاوروبية

Dec. 28	Sterling	U.S. Dollar	Canadian Dollar	Dutch Guilder	Swiss Franc	W. German Mark	French Franc	Italian Lira	Asian Dollar	Japanese Yen
Short term	11⅛-11⅝	10⅛-10⅝	7⅛-8⅝	10⅛-10½	—1/16—1/10	3 3/16-3 3/16	14⅝-17½	9½-12½	—	-½-1½
7 days notice	11⅝-11⅝	10⅝-10⅝	7⅛-8⅝	10⅝-10⅝	—1/16-1/16	3⅝-3⅝	7-7½	12½-14½	11 15/16-12 1/16	—1 15/16—1/16
Month	12-12½	10⅝-10⅝	10 1/16-10 7/16	9⅝-10	—⅛-par	3⅝-3⅝	8⅝-9	13-15	14 1/16-14 3/16	—⅛-par
Three months	12⅝-13	11⅝-12	10⅝-11⅝	0⅝-9⅝	par-⅛	3 5/16-3 7/16	8⅝-9⅝	14-15½	11 9/16-11 11/16	3/16-9/16
Six months	13⅝-13½	12⅝-12½	11 1/16-11 7/16	9-9⅝	⅛-⅝	3⅝-3⅝	9⅝-9⅝	15-16	12 1/16-12 3/16	1⅝-2⅝
One year	13-13⅝	11⅝-12⅝	10⅝-11⅝	8⅝-8⅝	⅝-⅝	3⅝-4	9⅝-10⅝	15-16½	12 1/16-12 3/16	2⅝-2⅝

The following nominal rates were quoted for London dollar certificates of deposit: One month 11.05-10.95 per cent; three months 11.65-11.55 per cent; six months 11.05-11.95 per cent; one year 11.75-11.65 per cent. Long-term Eurodollar deposits: two years 10⅝-11⅛ per cent; three years 10⅝-10½ per cent; four years 10⅝-10⅝ per cent; five years 10-10⅜ per cent nominal closing rates. Short-term rates are call for sterling, U.S. dollars and Canadian dollars; two days' notice for guilders and Swiss francs. Asian rates are closing rates in Singapore.

COMMODITY PRICES
أسعار المواد والمعادن الرئيسية

المواد
BASIC MATERIALS

December 29 Lunchtime Prices

COCOA (£ per tonne)

	Today's Closing	Previous Closing
December	1964	1960
March	2004	2002
May	2037	2036.5
July	2038	2037
September	2044	2040
December	2041	2036
March	2035	2028

RUBBER (Pence per Kilo)

	Today's Closing	Previous Closing
February	56.65	56.60
March	57.25	57.15
April-June	58.70	58.65
July-September	61.00	60.90
Oct.-December	63.30	63.25
January-March	65.60	65.55
April-June	67.85	67.80
July-September	70.00	69.90
Oct.-December	72.20	72.00

ARABICA COFFEE ($ per 50 Kilos)

	Today's Closing	Previous Closing
August	UNQ	UNQ
October	UNQ	UNQ
December	UNQ	UNQ
February	UNQ	UNQ
April	UNQ	UNQ
June	UNQ	UNQ
August	UNQ	UNQ

ROBUSTA COFFEE (£ per tonne)

	Today's Closing	Previous Closing
January	1447	1446
March	1302	1300
May	1229	1227
July	1185	1182
September	1155	1150
November	1135	1120
January	1128	1100

RAW SUGAR Sugar Pref. Comm. Conn. (£ per long ton)

	Today's Closing	Previous Closing
March	102.50	102.40
May	104.70	104.60
August	108.65	108.40
October	112.00	111.75
December	114.85	114.50
March	118.80	118.50
May	122.50	120.50

WHITE SUGAR (£ per long ton)

	Today's Closing	Previous Closing
February	90.80	90.75
April	97.00	96.80
July	103.25	103.00
September	110.00	108.00
November	115.75	114.50
February	122.00	121.50
April	127.00	125.50

GRAINS (£ per long ton)

	Wheat Yesterday's Closing	Barley Yesterday's Closing
January	91.85	83.25
March	93.90	85.79
May	96.40	88.20
September	89.80	83.70
November	92.65	86.55

SOYABEAN MEAL (£ per tonne)

	Today's Closing	Today's Closing
February	124.90	124.50
April	122.50	122.10
June	120.70	120.10
August	121.40	121.00
October	124.00	121.80
December	125.00	120.00
February	126.00	120.50

WOOL Australian Greasy Wool (Pence per Kilo)

	Today's Closing	Previous Closing
May	—	—
July	—	—
October	—	—
December	—	—
March	—	—
May	—	—
July	—	—
October	—	—

المعادن
BASIC MINERALS

(Official Close)

SILVER (Per troy ounce)

	Today's Closing	Previous Closing
Cash	296.90	297.20
Three months	304.80	304.30
Settlement	297.20	—

ALUMINIUM (£ per tonne)

	Today's Closing	Previous Closing
Three months	617.50	612.00

COPPER (£ per tonne)

	Today's Closing	Previous Closing
Wirebars		
Cash	772.50	773.50
Three months	786.50	787.00
Settlement	773.50	—
Cathodes		
Cash	758.00	759.00
Three months	773.50	774.00
Settlement	759.00	—

TIN (£ per tonne)

	Today's Closing	Previous Closing
Standard		
Cash	6980	6990
Three months	6860	6865
Settlement	6990	—
High Grade		
Cash	7000	7010
Three months	6900	6910
Settlement	7010	—

LEAD (£ per tonne)

	Today's Closing	Previous Closing
Cash	444.00	445.00
Three months	412.50	413.50
Settlement	445.00	—

ZINC (£ per tonne)

	Today's Closing	Previous Closing
Cash	346.50	347.00
Three months	355.00	356.00
Settlement	347.00	—

أسعار الذهب والفضة
London Bullion Market

LONDON GOLD
December 29

3.30 fix $226.00
Previous fix $224.50

مؤشر داو جونز الوسطي

DOW JONES CLOSING STOCK AVERAGES

December 28

30 Industrials	805.96	DN 2.60	or 0.32%
20 Transport	206.95	DN 1.81	or 0.87%
15 Utilities	98.14	UP 0.14	or 0.14%
65 Stocks	272.47	DN 1.04	or 0.38%

DOW JONES 11.00 a.m. STOCK AVERAGES

December 29

30 Industrials	806.31	UP 0.35	or 0.04%
20 Transport	206.35	DN 0.63	or 0.30%
15 Utilities	98.04	DN 0.10	or 0.10%
65 Stocks	272.27	DN 0.20	or 0.07%

New York — (AP-DJ) — Stock prices closed lower Thursday despite a smaller than expected U.S. trade deficit in November.

The stock market briefly attempted to gain on the news before fading late in the session.

About 1,040 issues declined compared with about 440 gainers.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 2.60 points to 805.96. It was ahead almost two points at its best level in a bouncing session.

Volume totalled about 25,560,000 shares compared with about 23,640,000 shares Wednesday.

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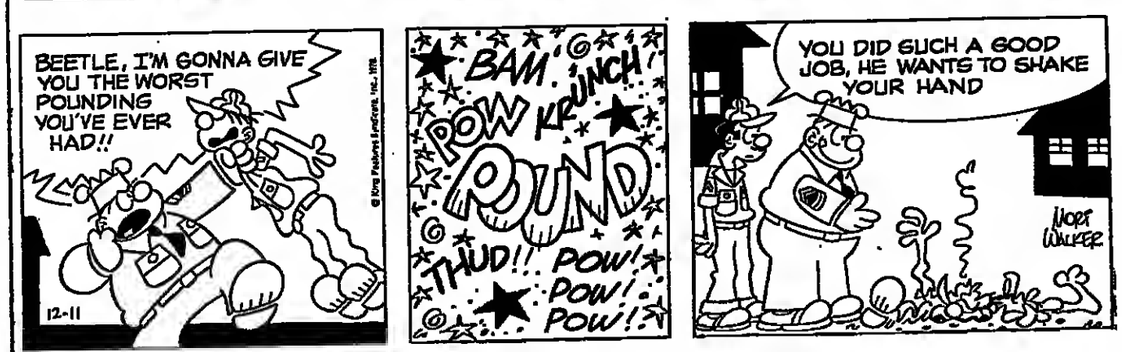
BEETLE BAILEY



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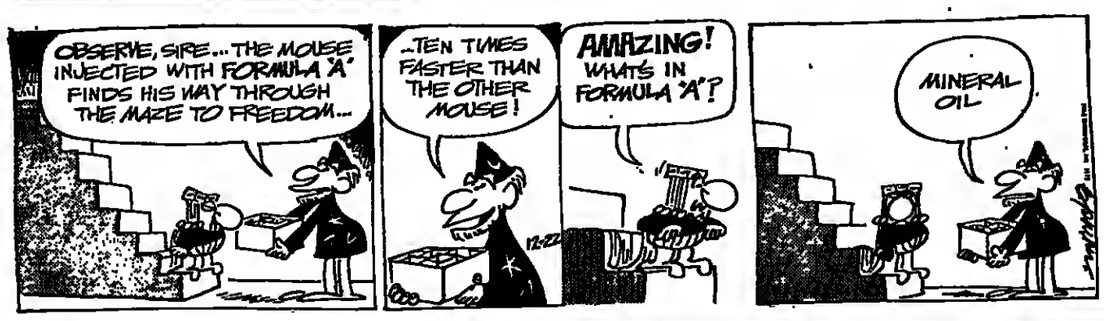


Dennis the Menace

'THE TREE IS HOLDIN' UP PRETTY GOOD, BUT MY MOM AND DAD ARE BEGINNIN' TO DROOP A LITTLE.'

Ripley's Believe It or Not!

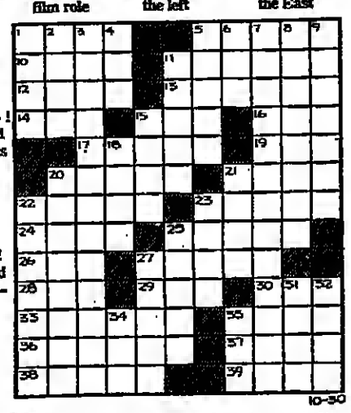
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Yesterday's rages
5 Perfume ingredient
10 Italian coins
11 Malay dagger
12 False god
13 Words of warning
14 Tasteless food
15 Got you!
16 London's legendary founder
17 Heathen
19 Indochinese tribe
20 Tropical suit material
21 Future knight
22 A votre — !
23 Less florid
24 Small dogs
25 Cantered
26 Fresh — daisy
27 One Churchill
28 Go, team!
29 Small bird
30 Electric —
33 Sharpshooter
35 Colt's mother
36 Group of nine
37 2 Down's a famous one
38 Biblical juniper tree
39 Engrave

DOWN
1 One Wilson
2 "Celeste — "
3 Suggesting
4 Orch. offering
5 Scottish island
6 Duffer's need
7 Poe classic, with "The"
8 Relieved
9 Frailer
11 Cagney film role
15 Famous film critic
18 Camping nuisances
20 Swiss commune
21 Man of the house
22 More meager
23 Toward the left
25 Actor Cregar
27 Clermont propellant
31 Novelist Ambler
32 Jacob's wife
34 Written letter
35 West from the East

Saturday's Answer



10-30

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE – Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X E
is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

K A A B J W E R W T R T A K N A T
R W G J E K V R V T , Q G K E L T W M
O W G T P G S B A E F N A T A O W G
V T A . — K V U F V D E A T R W K K

Saturday's Cryptoquote: PEACE IS NOT MERELY A NEGATIVE IDEAL, IT IS THE CONDITION OF ALL POSITIVE AIMS.—G.L.DICKINSON

Contract Bridge — B. Jay Becker

Perfect Execution

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠Q 10 9
♡K 10 8
◇7 5 4
♣Q J 9 9

WEST
♠6 2
♡5
◇A K J 9 6
♣K 10 7 6 2

EAST
♠7 5 3
♡A Q J 9 2
◇8 3 2
♣4 3

SOUTH
♠A K J 9 4
♡7 6 4 3
◇Q 10
♣A 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	2◇	2♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Here is a case where declarer accomplished what might be described as an artistic triumph. True, only a part score was involved, but, even so, South earned high marks for his performance.

West led the king of diamonds and shifted to a heart at trick two. East won the heart with the nine and returned a diamond, West taking the ace and continuing with the jack.

Analyzing the situation perfectly, declarer ruffed and led a low club! As a direct consequence of this play, he made the contract. West took the club with the king and returned a club, but South was now safely in the harbor. He drew trumps, ending in dummy, and scored eight tricks consisting of five trumps and three clubs.

Had South relied on a club finesse — instead of simply conceding a club trick — he would have gone down one, losing three hearts, two diamonds and a club.

Actually, declarer's play was well thought out. He concluded that West's failure to lead a heart at trick four was based on his inability to do so — which meant that East had started with the A-Q-J-9-2 of hearts.

It followed that West had to have the king of clubs for his two diamond bid, and that nothing could therefore be gained by attempting a club finesse that was marked to lose.

It is interesting to note that South did not make the mistake of leading the ace and then the five of clubs. Had he done that, he would have gone down. West would have won the second club lead with the king and played a third club for East to ruff. With one of dummy's club tricks having thus been destroyed, South would have lost two heart tricks later on to the tune of down one.

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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

TUESDAY

	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5.38	7.04	12:30	3:36	5:53	7:23
Medina	5:45	7:10	12:32	3:32	5:48	7:18
Nejd	5:10	6:40	11:58	2:59	5:15	6:45

DHAHRAN TV

3:30 Children's Show
4:30 Fantastic Four
4:51 Wide World of Sports
5:43 Waltons
6:31 Welcome Back Kotter
7:05 That's My Mama
7:30 Charles Angels
8:16 Saint III
9:04 Best Sellers

Top Cat: Space Monkey
The Micro World of Dr. Doom
IROC No. 1 Inter. Race
The Test
And Baby Makes Four Part I
The Witness
Lady Killers
The Angel's Eye
Wheels Part II

WEATHER

The weather will be pleasant in the morning, cold in the evening, especially in the Northern Province where frost is expected at night. Temperatures will rise in the Central Province with a possible low or medium clouds in the southwestern, western and central areas breaking into showers with occasional thunder-storms in the western and southwestern parts of the Kingdom.

Winds will be mostly westerly to southwesterly and moderate.

Sea conditions io territorial waters will be calm to moderate.

Monday's temperatures (maximum, minimum io centigrade)

Mecca	29	23	Tabuk	17	01
Jeddah	32	20	Turaif	17	01
Riyadh	24	10	Rafha	19	07
Dhahran	22	09	Bisha	23	07
Medina	27	15	Yanbu	28	16
Taif	22	09	Abha	19	08

SAUDI RADIO

Afternoon Transmission
1:00 Opening
1:01 The Holy Quran
1:05 Gems of Guidance
[illegible] S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
[illegible] S.A. Historical Notes
[illegible] Off the Record
[illegible] Your Choice
[illegible] On Islam
[illegible] Islam the Divine Truth
[illegible] Music
[illegible] NEWS
[illegible] Press Review
3:15 Music
3:30 My Music
3:50 Close Down

Evening Transmission
10:00 Opening
10:01 The Holy Quran
10:05 Message to the Faithful
10:10 Light Music
10:15 NEWS
10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
10:30 Music Worldwide
11:00 Champions of Solidarity
11:10 Press Review
11:15 The Sixties
11:45 The World of Guitar
12:00 Islamic Contributions
12:15 The Songwriters
12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
12:59 Close Down

VOA

P.M.
8:00 News Roundup: Reports; Actualities; Opinion; Analyses
8:30 Dateline
News Summary
9:00 Special English: News; Feature, The Making of a Nation
News Summary
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)
10:00 News Roundup: Reports; Actualities
10:45 Opinion; Analyses
News Summary
10:30 VOA Magazine: America; Science; Cultural; Letter.
11:00 Special English; News
11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)

VOA WORLD REPORT
Midnight
12:00 News... newsmakers' voices... correspondents reports... background features... media comments... news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission
8.00 World News
8.09 *Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
8.30 *Sarah Ward
8.45 World Today
9.00 Newsdesk
9.30 *Opera Star
10.00 World News
10.09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
10.30 *Sarah Ward
10.45 *Something to Show You
11.00 World News
11.09 Reflections
11.15 Piano Style
11.30 Brain of Britain 1978
1200 World News
12.09 British Press Review
12.15 World Today
12.30 Financial News
12.40 Look Ahead
12.45 The Tony Myatt Request Show

Evening Transmission
1:15 Ulster in Focus
1.30 Discovery
2.00 World News
2.09 News about Britain
2.15 Alphabet of Musical Curios
2.30 Sports International
3.00 Radio Newsreel
3.15 Promenade Concert
3.45 Sports Round-up
4.00 World News
4.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
4.30 The Pleasure's Yours
5.15 Report on Religion
6.00 Radio Newsreel
6.15 *Outlook
7.00 World News
7.09 Commentary
7.15 *Sherlock Holmes
7.46 World Today
8.00 World News
8.09 *Books and Writers
8.30 *Take One
8.45 Sports Round-up
9.00 World News
9.09 News about Britain
9.15 Radio Newsreel
9.30 Farming World
10.00 Outlook News Summary
10.39 Stock Market Report
10.43 Look Ahead
10.45 Ulster in Focus
11.00 World News
11.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
11.30 The Pleasure's Yours

Midnight Transmission
12.15 Talkabout
12.45 Nature Notebook
1.00 World News
1.09 World Today
1.25 Financial News
1.35 Book Choice
1.40 Reflections
1.45 Sports Round-up
2.00 World News
2.09 Commentary
2.15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth Sign.

ARIES
(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
Postpone business action in the morning hours. Later, a social occasion puts you in the right frame of mind for career progress.

TAURUS
(Apr. 20 to May 20)
Don't make any decisions now about domestic issues requiring a cash outlay, but do accept an invitation from a friend for a late get-together.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)
Now you can gain financial backing for a career project, but there may be a mix-up in communications with a prospective partner.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)
If the price seems exorbitant, get another estimate; otherwise, the day favors romantic interests and partnership accord.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)
Financial progress can be made if you'll take the time to check the facts and figures. Avoid whimsical expenditure and concentrate on savings.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Make no commitments that you're unable to fulfill, but the nighttime hours favor romantic interests and friendly persuasion.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
A friend may not follow through on a promise, but you can still check out the facts yourself. You can accomplish much at work.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
You receive encouragement from a superior to go ahead with your plan, but your judgment may be poor re a situation involving a friend and money.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
A fine day to make a purchase for the home, but advice you receive about a career matter may be faulty. Avoid snap decisions.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Your personality is the asset that gets your ideas across today: however, don't forget to check the details re any financial dealings.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
You may make a worthwhile contribution to a worthy cause but, in personal dealings, be careful you don't misinterpret a friend's intentions.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
An important person may take a liking to you, but in partnership matters, avoid misunderstandings by adopting a less arrogant manner.

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PASSPORT LOST

Pakistani Passport No. AF 293830 issued at Karachi on 4-1-77 to Mr. Mohamed Hanif has been lost. Finder please deliver it to Pakistan Embassy — Jeddah.

PASSPORT LOST

Ethiopian Passport No. 2782 issued at Asmara on 27-10-67 to Saida Hassan Saleh has been lost. Finder please deliver it to Ethiopian Embassy — Jeddah.

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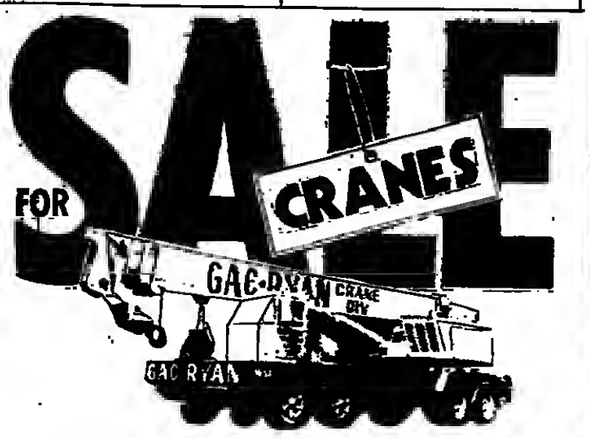

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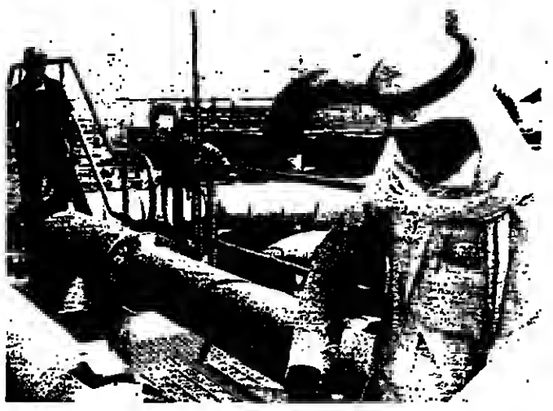

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Key Cambodian city said in hands of rebel forces

BANGKOK, Jan. 1 (AP)— Vietnamese troops and Cambodian insurgents claimed Monday to have captured the key Meking River town of Kratie, possibly signalling the long-awaited offensive by Vietnam against the central Cambodian government.

- The front's news agency SPK reported that rehel troops "in concert with the local population captured the town at about nnon Saturday, annihilating or capturing hundreds of defenders and seizing large quantities of food and military equipment". The front which was formed in December also claimed to control the northeastern province of Rentanakiri.

The news of the alleged victory was also carried by official Vietnamese media.

The fall of Kratie could mean the amputation of about one fifth of Cambodian territory as the town sits astride vital highway 13 leading to the Vietnamese border and the Meking River flowing south from Laos towards Phnom Penh.

Analysts in Bangkok have in recent weeks detected the expansion of Vietnamese enclaves along the border towards Kratie, located 160 kilometers northeast of Phnom Penh.

Sources in Bangkok Monday said that if the report of Kratie's fall was true, it was the work of the Vietnamese 5th Division, which had been moving up Highway 13. The sources said Vietnamese forces involved in the frontier war had also been building up their supplies in four areas recently—southern Laos, Pleiku in Vietnam's central highlands, Can Tho in the Mekong River delta and the Tay Ninh province where the bulk of Vietnamese forces had been readied.

The agency claimed the people along Highway 13 rose up against the "draconian regime" and helped the insurgents in transporting arms and munitions and providing them with food. It also claimed that some of the defenders of Kratie defected to the front.

Kratie was one of the key towns held by the Khmer Rouge during the five-year war which ended with their 1975 victory. Kratie, Cambodia's seventh largest city with some 13,000 inhabitants, was captured by the Communists in the early months of the war.

The Voice of Vietnam, reporting the Kratie capture, also said that the rebels shot down three propeller-driven fighter-bombers which were strafing and bombing areas of Kratie Province.

The broadcast, quoting the front agency, did not give the date of the air strikes but they appeared to have occurred during or after the reported capture of Kratie.

The aircraft were identified at T128s, a World War II aircraft supplied to the former Cambodian government and often used against insurgent forces during the 1970-75 war.

Rhodesian guerrillas kill tribal chieftain

SALISBURY, Jan. 1 (AP) — Black guerrillas have beaten to death a tribal chief at his home in the northeast of Rhodesia, the military command announced in a New Year's Day bulletin which reported 35 more casualties in the past 48 hours.

The casualties reported, all blacks, included 16 other civilians. The bulletin said four of the civilian victims died in "crossfire" and the remainder were slain by guerrillas.

A white South African motorist was seriously injured in a guerrilla ambush Saturday on the main road link to South Africa, 50 miles north of the Beit Bridge border post, the bulletin said. The motorist was not travelling in the military-escorted convoys which move on the road four times daily.

The bulletin marked the end of the bloodiest year in Rhodesia's six years of escalating guerrilla warefare.

A record total of 5,444 persons have been reported killed within Rhodesia through 1978, nearly half the total casualties of the war.

In addition, up to 3,000 persons died during the year when Rhodesian forces launched their most audacious ground and air strikes against guerrillas bases in neighboring Zambia and Mozambique.

Desai scorns likelihood of Mrs. Gandhi comeback

NEW DELHI, Jan. 1 (AP) — Prime Minister Morarji Desai Monday brushed aside the threat of a comeback by Indira Gandhi, his predecessor, saying "if she goes on doing as she has been doing, I am not worried about it at all."

Mrs. Gandhi's backers resorted to nationwide demonstrations, civil disorder and a plane hijacking during their leader's one-week arrest last month for contempt of parliament. More than 125,000 were reported arrested and 16 persons killed during the disturbances.

Desai told questioners on a television panel show that in a democracy such as India Mrs. Gandhi "has every right to work, to come back to power and to put us in discomfiture .. if she does it in a proper way, then she will have strength. Well, if she goes on doing as she has been doing....I am not going to imitate it, nor am I going to play the same tune. I will do what is right."

Desai's Janata Party swept Mrs. Gandhi from power in the March, 1977, national election.

Seeking to refute recent statements that his party is in a crisis and in danger of breaking up, the prime minister said, "we have inherited for many centuries the capacity of infighting amongst ourselves... what you see today is to my mind not a crisis at all.. the party is stroog and will become stronger".

TEHRAN: Foreigners and Iranians crowd the departure lounge at Tehran Airport Monday, but only two planes are reported to have left before the airport was closed for the day. (See related stories, pages 1 and 3.)

U.S. Midwest snowed under

Winter batters north Europe

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 1 (Agencies) — Winter threw a hard New Year's punch at northern Europe Monday slamming road and rail travel and creating danger at sea.

In one of two shipping dramas Swedish and Danish air force helicopters rescued 57 seamen and women from two stranded Soviet fishing vessels blown ashore from the Baltic Sea onto the Swedish coast.

In the Atlantic off northwestern Spain, 29 crew members of the stricken supertanker Andros Patria were feared lost after their lifeboats capsized in mountainous seas. (See story page one).

The two Soviet vessels, a fishing mother-ship and a trawler, ran aground soon after midnight in fierce gales off the southern tip of Sweden. Their SOS calls were picked up by Swedish and Danish Coast Guards.

In a four-hour rescue operation, two Swedish and a Danish helicopter braved gale force winds to bring the crews ashore.

The Swedish Coast Guard said the winds were so strong that all the seamen could not be winched aboard the aircraft and instead were flown to safety dangling from rescue lines.

In the United States, Midwesterners bade farewell to 1978 in the midst of a major storm that dropped a foot or more of snow Sunday, while residents of the northern Plains and the northern Rockies suffered through sub-zero temperatures.

The storm stretched from Texas, where ice accumulations knocked down power lines and left up to 50,000 Dallas residents without electricity, to Wisconsin, where forecasters expected blizzard conditions by Monday night.

Sub-zero celsius temperatures were common. The 30 below zero centigrade recorded in Spokane, Washington, broke a record for Dec. 31 set in 1884.

East Timor insurgency leader killed by troops

JAKARTA, Jan. 1 (AP) — Nicolao Lobato, president of the Fretelin movement, was killed by Indonesian troops in a shootout New Year's Eve in the district of Maubese, 60 kilometers south of the capital of Dilliuwgit, it was announced Monday.

The announcement, broadcast nationwide on television, said the insurgent leader was shot dead after refusing to surrender. It said 22 of his followers were arrested.

Defense Minister Gen. Muhammad Jusuf flew to East Timor early Monday to identify the body. Jusuf told reporters that the death of Lobato would hasten stability and security in the former Portuguese colony.

Military sources said Lobato, 37, panicked when surrounded by army troops and began shooting at his own men, who wanted to give themselves up.

Mexico claims 100% rise in oil reserves

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 1 (R) — Mexico Monday announced a 100 per cent increase in its proven reserves of petroleum as a result of recent important finds in Chicontepec and the Campeche continental shelf.

Revised statistics issued by the state oil monopoly, Pemex, showed Mexico had proven reserves of 40.1 billion barrels instead of the 20.1 billion barrels previously recorded.

This was enough to last 60 years at an average daily production rate of 1.85 million barrels, Pemex said.

The statistics said probable reserves were 44.6 billion barrels compared with 37.3 billion barrels previously estimated, and potential reserves remained unchanged at 200 billion barrels.

Pemex said Mexico now had the sixth largest proven petroleum reserves in the world after the Soviet Union (259 billion barrels), Saudi Arabia (167), Iran (162), the United States (75.3) and Kuwait (73).

This year Mexico is expected to produce about two million barrels of oil and export 717,000 barrels a day.

Grim Europe border becomes dotted line

NICKELSDORF, Austria, Jan. 1 (R)—The Austro-Hungarian border Monday became the most easily crossed frontier between the Soviet bloc and the West when a visa-free travel arrangement went into effect.

Under the agreement, the fruit of almost 20 years of talks, neither Hungarians nor Austrians will need visas to cross the frontier, once one of the most heavily fortified in Europe.

The arrangement is the first between a European Communist state and a Western neighbor.

Austrian police at Nickelsdorf 70 kilometer, (43 miles) east of Vienna reported normal, slight traffic between the two countries Monday.

But authorities at all five border stations expect a marked increase when the weather improves and tourists take advantage of the eased regulations.

No exodus of dissidents or people unhappy with the Communist regime is however expected from Hungary, which is considered the most liberal of the Soviet bloc countries.

A new customs station and police building has been built at Nickelsdorf, the main crossing point between Vienna and Budapest, in anticipation of a tourist boom.

Some 600,000 Austrians visited Hungary last year.

Under the new regulations, Austrians will only have to answer a short questionaire allowing them to enter Hungary as easily as they now do Italy or West Germany.

The number of Hungarians visiting Austria is also expected to rise but at a much less marked pace, largely because of their difficulty in obtaining sufficient hard currency.

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the city for the night.

An American radio newsman was detained by police for two hours after interviewing passengers. His tape was taken from him.

Most of the stranded passengers were American or British, but there were also many Iranians.

Most Western embassies Sunday advised their nationals who were not doing essential jobs, and all dependents, to leave Iran in view of the grave political and economic disruption and rising anti-foreigner sentiment.

A middle-aged English engineer and his wife who did not want their names published, said the situation was calm where they had come from, the city of Qazvin, northwest of Tehran.

"We had no real trouble. We had enough Iranian friends to sort things out when there were signs of anti-foreigner feeling," the engineer said. "We're just leaving because my contract expired at the end of the year.

"But what we can't understand is why we can't get out when the British embassy told us yesterday we should. Now we will have to sit here until flights start up again."

Fisheries

he said.

The council also reviewed reports of progress made during the third year of the Second Five Year Development Plan and will continue its discussion during the next meeting. Dr. Yamani added.

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Egypt

Begin said after the cabinet meeting he expected a new round of talks within a week or two. Diplomatic contacts were under way to arrange the venue and timing, but were being delayed by the New Year holiday.

After a foreign policy review, the cabinet signaled a slight shift but reaffirmed its rejection of Egyptian proposals as presented two weeks ago when Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's mission failed to salvage the treaty.

Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, who developed personal rapport with top Egyptians in the past year of peace efforts, did not participate in the cabinet vote in an apparent display of anger over the slow pace of negotiations.

Normally a colorful speaker, Weizman has hardly uttered a word in public in recent months as peace talks dragged on without result.

Press reports quoted the defense minister as telling colleagues that he had voted often enough on peace proposals and the affair had lasted far too long in his opinion.

Relations with the United States have become more polite since the mutual accusations of two weeks ago, but Israeli officials say Tel Aviv is still bitter over a letter of interpretation drafted by the State Department.

Begin said Sunday Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan had sent Vance a letter last Thursday "completely rejecting" the U.S. document, which asserted Egypt could invoke its defense treaties to aid an Arab state attacked by Israel.

Officials said Tel Aviv was angered because the State Department coordinated the writing of the document with Cairo without consulting Israel.

Tanker

the scene after the lifeboats capsized but were unable to intervene because of the force nine gales. Hopes faded Monday that any more survivors would be found.

The bosun's estimate of the number of persons aboard conflicted with a statement issued by the Spanish navy, which put the figure at 20 including the master's wife and baby.

Six bodies were recovered from the sea by rescue vessels, which included at least two tugs and Spanish warships.

The tugs were standing by to try to take the crippled tanker in tow, but continuing heavy seas delayed the operation.

The navy said there was already an oil slick stretching some three nautical miles from the tanker, which was holed amidships in three of its port tanks. These contained a total of some 50,000 tons of oil, but the bosun told officials he thought the crack was near the waterline—towards the top of the tanks.

The navy was ready to send vessels loaded with detergents to the scene to try to disperse the slick.

Meanwhile, British officials were understood to have offered the Spanish authorities assistance to deal with any pollution.

The navy said the fire on board the tanker was out and there did not appear to be an immediate danger of the huge ship sinking.

Peking

Teng said of his forthcoming visit to the United States: "I hope that my contacts with the leaders of the United States and the American people will further enhance understanding and friendship between our two peoples and promote our amicable bilateral ties and cooperation in the scientific-technological, economic, cultural and many other fields."

PLO

gressman Findley's colleagues that there is a need to aid him in his efforts to convince the Carter administration of the need to act as quickly as possible in the direction of recognizing the PLO and starting a dialogue with it," Sharabi said.

"I may be mistaken, but my distinct feeling is that a new state of mind on this issue exists among the high officials in the administration and in Congress," he said. "Without the Palestinians, the Middle East crisis, the Lebanese problem, stability in the area and American relations cannot be solved on a proper basis."

Sharabi added that he believed that there has been a "decided change" not only in political circles, but also in the media and American public opinion.

"I think we should not exaggerate this change," he said. "It consists mostly of increased understanding of the Arab position. It also means that Israel is being questioned, and there is criticism of Israel and Israeli policy...particularly regarding the inflexibility of the Begin government on issues that are central to any lasting settlement. I am referring here to the Israeli position on the West Bank and Gaza."

The government of Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin has rejected Egyptian efforts to link an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty with Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"There is the beginning of change towards Israel which is occurring for the first time in 30 years," Sharabi said.

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